

WEATHER FORECAST
Victoria and Vicinity—Southeast winds, increasing to strong; fair at first, followed by rain at night.
Vancouver and Vicinity—Mostly fair, probably followed by rain at night and increasing southeast wind; morning fog patches.

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HOPE REVIVED FOR PERSONS LOST IN WILDS

Faint Radio Signals Heard From Seven Missing in Utah Mountains

TWO MEN SOUGHT IN IDAHO WILDERNESS

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 19 (AP).—Faint radio calls and a cry in the dark stirred hope tonight for the nine occupants of two air liners lost in Western wilds.
Today, as twenty-five planes and hundreds of men on the ground sought a Western Air Express transport that vanished with five men and two women over Utah last Tuesday, a radio operator at Kingman, Ariz., heard a man's voice calling, faintly, weakly: "Is Salt Lake City or St. George there?"
Again the unidentified voice was heard. At Las Vegas, Nev., the faint call was picked up. And, less clearly, in Salt Lake City—headquarters of the far-flung Utah search.

MISSING FIVE DAYS

It had been nearly five days since the plane disappeared.
While the anxious wait for clearer calls and some indication of their origin went on in Utah, Nevada, California and Arizona, searches for the nation's second lost plane in a week fought through Washington, Idaho timberlands 500 miles north of Salt Lake City.

They sought the source of a cry "Help!" heard from a forest trail last night in the wilderness of Kootenai County, Idaho.
ICE ON PLANE WINGS
Near that region, out of St. Paul and Spokane, bound with 500 pounds of mail, Pilot Joe Livermore and A. A. Haid reported ice forming on the wings of their Northwest Air Lines transport plane early Friday.
Toward dusk a mysterious radio call sent aerial searchers roaring back over the North Idaho route toward the old gold camp of Elk River.
Two short wave radio listeners reported hearing a faint call "Fifteen east of Elk River." Heartened but doubtful, air lines officials said it might have been a forest service call.

CONTROVERSIAL BILL IS PASSED

Breach Between President of Cuba and Army Leaders Widens Dangerously

HAVANA, Dec. 19 (AP).—The House of Representatives tonight passed a controversial bill to discuss impeachment proceedings against President Miguel Mariano Gomez.
Pro-army leaders of Cuba's Congress had earlier announced they had defied and signed impeachment charges against the President because of his opposition to a sugar tax bill passed early today, which would give the army an estimated \$1,500,000 a year for rural schools.

SENATE TO MEET ALSO

At the special meeting of the Senate was called for 8 p.m., Monday.
Senate leaders who announced the meeting refused to disclose its purpose, but observers stated they believed the meetings of the House and Senate were related.
The calling of the special session of the House was taken as an indication that the President had lost another round in his battle against the army and a large part of the Congress over the sugar measure.

STAGE BIG PARADE

A crowd of farmers and workers, estimated officially by police at 60,000, paraded through the downtown streets of Havana during the day.
The demonstrators were orderly and carried signs demanding the Pulencio Batista, chief of the army, who sponsored the Sugar Tax Bill, and opposing everything that might block his plan to establish schools in Cuba's rural areas.

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Queen Mother and Three Grandchildren



This Interesting Picture Shows the Queen Mother With Three of Her Grandchildren: Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, Daughters of the King and Queen, and the Baby Prince Edward, Son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

GERMANS MUST PULL IN BELTS WHILE REARMAMENT IS PUSHED

Dutch Crown Princess and Fiance Take Step Toward Marriage

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands, Dec. 19 (AP).—Crown Princess Juliana and her fiance, Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld, signed the marriage register at the City Hall today like the plainest citizens except that they used a gold set quilt preserved for royalty.
Crowds cheered the young couple as they drove in a dashing roadster through streets bedecked with flags to the sixteenth century Town Hall to take the first legal step toward their marriage on January 7.
With today's signing of the marriage register and until their marriage January 7, the royal couple will be known as "bride and bridegroom."

Japanese Fishing Fleet to Receive Naval Protection

Tokio Taking Steps to Maintain Rights Following Delay of Russia in Signing Fisheries Convention—German-Japanese Accord Blamed For Moscow's Refusal to Renew Pact

TOKIO, Dec. 20 (AP).—Japan was stated today to be preparing naval protective measures to enable the Japanese fishing fleet to carry out Japan's free-fishing rights following delay of the Russian Government in signing a new Russo-Japanese fisheries convention.

CLOUDS OF DUST OVER TWO STATES

Lights Turned On In Mid-Afternoon In Parts of North Dakota and Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Dec. 19 (AP).—Dust clouds billowed over North Dakota and Western Minnesota today, blotting out the sun at some towns where lights were turned on in mid-afternoon.
Strong winds swept up the dry topsoil from the fields during recent warm weather. The storm accelerated as it moved eastward, and at Fargo, Minn., and Crookston, Minn., it was reported that the sun had been completely obscured.

Unhurt When Search Plane Forced Down
SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 19 (AP).—Harry Bogen, brother of Co-pilot William Bogen of the lost Western Air Express Transport, escaped injury in a forced landing today, while on a solo search for the missing plane.
He was forced to land south of Provo Lake, about two miles south of Salt Lake City, by motor trouble.

FIVE HUNTERS KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

LITCHFIELD, Ill., Dec. 19 (AP).—Five men on a hunting trip were killed today when a Wabash passenger train struck their automobile at a grade crossing in Money Bend, a village five miles north of here.

Settlement Stops Threatened Strike Of Cotton Workers

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 19 (AP).—An eleventh-hour settlement of a threatened strike by cotton mill workers in the Lancashire area, which would have affected more than 100,000 textile workers in the Lancashire area, had been projected for Monday.

TO SAIL AT END OF YEAR

Trade Minister William Euler Heading Delegation to The Antipodes

Special to The Colonist
OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—Headed by Trade Minister William Euler, the Canadian trade delegation to the Antipodes will leave Ottawa next Saturday to sail from Vancouver on December 30 aboard the Canadian Australasian liner Aorangi.
Revision of both the Canada-Australia and the Canada-New Zealand trade agreements is the objective of the mission, but by far the more important question will be revision of the pact with Australia.
Canada chiefly wants to increase her exports of lumber, automobiles and canned salmon to the Australasian markets and will seek a lowering of the duties against them. Australia has indicated that wine, raisins and currants are the chief products on which she would like to obtain more favorable tariff concessions from Canada.

MOTORS AND BUTTER

On the Canada-New Zealand trade situation, the Canadian delegation will ask for some assurance that New Zealand will not raise her duties any higher against automobiles and trade officials. The delegation will then proceed to Australia, where trade conferences are likely to be long. The party will be back in Canada about March 25. "Accordingly the mission will be continued on Page 6, Column 4."

CONSERVATIVE LEADER COMING

Dr. F. P. Patterson Will Speak to City and Island Groups on Tuesday

Conservatives will carry their organization right into Christmas week, it was announced here yesterday by R. D. Harvey, president of the Victoria Conservative Association. Dr. F. P. Patterson, provincial leader of the party, will address a joint meeting of Victoria, Oak Bay, Saanich and Esquimalt executive officials on Tuesday, at 8 p.m., at the Conservative Rooms, Campbell Building.
Dr. Patterson will arrive in the city on Tuesday morning and will spend the day here with leading officials of the party in the city and its environs. Later in the year he is planning to go east, which leaves no further opening to have him meet executive heads on the island. It was explained.
Executive officers of city and district associations, together with ward officers and representatives of the Victoria Women's Conservative Association and the Young Conservative group, will have the opportunity to hear Dr. Patterson at the meeting called for Tuesday evening, Mr. Harvey announced.

TWO DROWNED IN STORMY SEA

Adolph Vanhinnoff and Eugene La Loup, Ladysmith, Perish Off Thetis Island

THETIS ISLAND B.C., Dec. 19 (AP).—The stormy water of Stuart Channel on the East Coast of Vancouver Island, held today the bodies of Adolph Vanhinnoff, well-known fisherman, and fourteen-year-old Eugene La Loup, both of Ladysmith, drowned when their boat capsized during a gale yesterday.
The accident occurred just before midnight. The boat, heavily laden with fish, sank close to shore, but rescue was impossible owing to huge waves that pounded the shoreline halting launching of boats.
Efforts to save the men were made by A. R. Forbes and Abram Hunter, residents of Thetis Island, situated six miles east of Ladysmith.
Rough seas today halted attempts to recover the bodies. This evening it was reported that the boat had been found.

KILLED BY POCKETKNIFE

DAYTON, Wash., Dec. 19 (AP).—A fall onto an open pocketknife killed Harold Boles, nine, today as he left a matinee charity show with a group of scuffling boys. The blade pierced his heart.

Mutineers Take No Step to Free Exalted Captive

Chiang Kai-Shek Presumably Still in Hands of Captor in Sianfu—No Word of Military Action Regarding Threatened Drive—Implication of Soviet Officially Denied

Chinese of Every Faith Praying for Generalissimo

NANKING, Dec. 20 (AP).—The mutineers in Sianfu today apparently had called the hand of the Nanking Government on its sudden announcement last night that a military drive against the rebels would be resumed unless Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was released by today.

B.C. CABINET RECONVENING

By-Election or General Test Will Be Issue Facing Executive Shortly

All eight members of the Provincial Cabinet are expected to reconvene in the city this week, subsequent to the expected return this afternoon of Premier Pattullo and Hon. John Hart, who composed the British Columbia delegation that discussed finance at Ottawa. Hon. Dr. K. C. MacDonald is expected to return on Tuesday, and Hon. Dr. G. M. Weir will also return at the first of the week.
The Premier and three returning members of his Cabinet will make an early call at Government House, to renew their oaths of allegiance to His Majesty King George VI. Acting Premier Gray and three other members of the executive have already done so.

EFFORT TO END WAR SLACKENS

Conflict Between Hostile Labor Camps May Rage Through Winter

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP).—Peacemakers within the American Federation of Labor were said in well-informed quarters today to have abandoned for the present their effort to end the Federation's war with "rebellious" John L. Lewis.
This indicated that the angry conflict, which has split Labor into two hostile camps, would rage for most of the winter, at least.
MOVING TO CLIMAX
While Lewis' drive to "organize the nation's unorganized workers" moves rapidly towards a climax, the peacemakers have decided to ask the Federation's executive council in February to approve a definite, conciliatory peace plan before they attempt to renew negotiations.
Angered by the Federation's failure to organize the workers in such large industries as steel, rubber and automobiles, Lewis' president of the United Mine Workers, and a dozen other union leaders undertook the job themselves.

Many Hurt In Collapse Of Building

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (AP).—One unidentified woman was reported killed, and at least fifteen others injured or overcome in a building collapse and subsequent fire and automobile crash early today.
Firemen said a negro woman, pinned in the twisted wreckage, had died. They continued their search for several others whose screams and moans arose above the crackling flames, which broke out a second time, and added another danger to those trapped.
On the other hand, the ministry has steadily refused to discuss the possibility of a general provincial election next year.

Children Asked to Offer Prayers for Failing Pope Pius

Pontiff Develops Slight Fever Causing Physicians to Fear New Complications—Condition Of Holy Father's Legs Unchanged

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 19 (AP).—Children all over the world were asked tonight to pray for Pope Pius. The Vatican newspaper, Osservatore Romano, suggested the great crusade of child prayer, that the Holy Father, now seriously ill from a slight attack of paralysis and circulatory congestion, might reach his eightieth birthday next May 31.
The French Augustinians already stand danger that a varicose vein might burst. Dr. Amanti Milani, which reached 99.5. They were anxious lest some new complication should have set in. There is a wave of influenza at present in Rome.
CONSTANT DANGER
Persons close to the Pope said the condition of his legs remained unchanged, and that there was con-

FAITHFUL DOG FATALITY HURT

Waited for Nearly Thirteen Years for Master to Return From Hospital

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Dec. 19 (AP).—Sheep died today at St. Anthony's Hospital here where he waited nearly thirteen years for Francis McMahon to come back down the elevator.
Sheep was just a Scotch collie pup when he followed his master suffering from a fractured skull, to the hospital in 1924.
At the elevator, hospital sisters said, McMahon reached down from his stretcher, and said:
"Goodby, Sheep. Wait here."
The dog, they recalled, crouched near the elevator door and fought off attempts to put him out. The next day McMahon died and hospital attendants carried his body from the hospital through a rear entrance.
REFUSE TO LEAVE
At first, sisters and nurses said, Sheep refused to eat and met every effort to get him to leave the elevator door with bared fangs.
Finally he made friends, but throughout the years he remained near the elevator door most of the time.
Often he would spring up at night, run to the door, bark softly and then sink away in disappointment.
Today, Sheep getting stiff with age and going blind, wandered out into the street. An automobile struck him.
A hospital orderly carried him back into the hospital, but he died soon after.

NONE SERIOUSLY HURT IN CRASH

Air Liner With Eleven Persons Aboard Lands on Mountain Side in New York State

PORT JERVIS, N.Y., Dec. 19 (AP).—A Newark-bound Eastern Airlines plane with eleven persons aboard, including the veteran trans-Atlantic pilot, Dick Merrill, "mashed" into a mountainside six miles from here tonight injuring some of the passengers.
The plane, which left Miami, Fla., at 1 p.m. battled alet and snow northward from Washington, D.C., and apparently lost its bearings after flying over Camden Airport at 8:25 p.m.
Eddie Rickenbacker, manager of the air line, after talking by telephone with members of the party who walked through blinding rain in Port Jervis announced in Newark that the plane was damaged by trees in the landing but that no one was seriously injured.

Observing Christmas In Old-Time Custom At Local Institutions

Hospitals, Orphanage and Homes for the Aged Making Customary Preparations for Celebration of Yuletide—Friends Will Be Welcomed

THOSE who like an old-fashioned Christmas may perhaps envy those who are spending it in the institutions far away from the glamour and glitter of the gay city streets. In the hospitals, the orphanage, the homes for the aged, old-fashioned forms of entertainment will be observed, with Christmas dinner served in the old-fashioned way, the sweet perfume of cedar and other evergreens in corridor and dining-hall, and much carol singing.

At the British Columbia Protestant Orphanage, out on Hillside Avenue, there are thirty-four children ranging in age from two and a half to sixteen years, who will hang up their stockings on Christmas Eve. At 7:30 in the morning, they will be allowed to peep into their stockings and see what Santa Claus has left overnight. Then breakfast, which will have some special dainties to remind them of the occasion.

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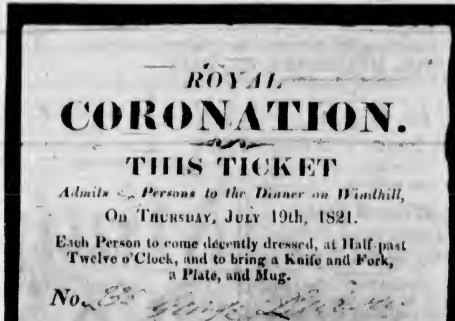
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In view of the approaching coronation of His Majesty King George VI, the admittance ticket to a dinner to celebrate the crowning ceremonies of King George IV is of particular interest. The original ticket, of which a copy is reproduced above, is the property of Alfred Hamlin, Happy Valley. The dinner was given at Windhill, July 19, 1921. Guests were specifically instructed "to come decently dressed, at half-past twelve o'clock, and to bring a knife and fork, a plate, and mug."

Each person to come decently dressed, at half-past twelve o'clock, and to bring a knife and fork, a plate, and mug.

room, which is always appropriately decorated during the Yuletide season, and in the evening there will be a little informal programme.

AGED LADIES

Although the aged ladies' home on McClure Street celebrates in a quieter way, there are usually many visitors during Christmas Day and all during the Yuletide season. A special Christmas dinner, "with all the trimmings" is served at mid-day, when several members of the committee will be present. It is anticipated that approximately 100 will be seated about the gaily-decked tables, as there are at present seventy-odd old ladies in residence, and about thirty guests, including members of the committee, will join them on this occasion.

Friends are cordially invited to visit the aged ladies on Christmas afternoon.

The Home has already enjoyed some Christmas entertainment, as a

Aviator Sets Up New World Mark For Amphibians

MONTREAL, Dec. 19 (AP).—Major Alexander De Seversky flew 20940 miles an hour over a 700-kilometre course today to set a new world's record for amphibian planes. The mark, officially timed by the National Aeronautical Association, bettered the former record of 174 miles established eighteen months ago by Boris Sergeevsky, a test-pilot for Igor Sikorsky.

each of the ward patients; the Women's Canadian Club supply gifts for the patients in their ward and the Fleming Ward committee also supply a tree and gifts.

On Christmas— a choir of nurses will tour the hospital at 7:30 o'clock, singing carols. Always on Christmas Day there is quite an excitement in the wards, and a special dinner of the customary good things is served to all who are well enough to eat it at midday.

The patients in the T.B. Annex are always well looked after by Gonzales Chapter, I.O.D.E., who not only decorate the ward and supply gifts, but provide a very special Christmas dinner. There are forty patients in the T.B. Ward at present, and the number is not likely to be less on Christmas Day.

In the same way the Fellowship Club is looking after the aged folk and the chronically ill in the annex.

Much of the festive spirit at Jubilee Hospital at this season of the year revolves round the nurses, who are to have their tree next Wednesday evening at the Nurses' Home, and they will have their Christmas dinner at noon on Christmas Day.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

At St. Joseph's Hospital about 200 patients will enjoy the Christmas hospitality of the sisters, who, assisted by the nurses, will begin the decoration of the corridors and wards early this week.

An important part of the Christmas programme is Midnight Mass, which will be celebrated this year by the hospital chaplain, Rev. Father E. Sobey.

There will be beautifully-decorated trees in the children's ward, where some thirty children are keenly anticipating a visit from Santa Claus and in the men's ward, where there are thirty-two patients.

With the breakfast trays on Christmas morning, the patients will receive their customary individual greeting cards from the sisters.

Early on Christmas morning, between 6:30 and 6:45, two groups of nurses accompanied by some of the sisters, will make a tour of the corridors and wards singing Christmas hymns and carols. The nurses are to have their annual Christmas tree in the Nurses' Home on Christmas Eve, and their Christmas dinner will be at 11:30 Christmas morning.

Patients at Vernon Villa, which is the annex where tubercular patients are cared for, are being specially cared for by the Vernon Villa Auxiliary, which is arranging to have a Christmas tree on Christmas morning.

HAROLD DIGGON IS RE-ELECTED

Will Continue as President Of Capital City Commercial Club for Term



HAROLD M. DIGGON

Harold M. Diggon will continue to guide the destinies of the Capital City Commercial Club, having been re-elected president at the recent annual meeting of the organization. Other officials chosen for the coming term were J. Harold Wilson, first vice-president; Ronald Whitton, second vice-president; Major P. T. Stern, secretary; and Harry Dunn, Gordon McClure, Phil Simpson, C. L. Brooke, Stephenson, Charles Brown and M. Graham directors.

The officers will be installed at a dinner meeting of the club, which will be held on Friday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in Spencer's dining-room. The programme will include talks by past presidents and musical numbers.

VOLUNTEER FIREMAN IS LUCKY OBSTACLE

BLVTH Ont. Dec. 19 (AP).—Delos Tamman, volunteer fireman, owed his life today to the fact Sam Foster tripped over him during the fighting of a fire in a hardware store here. Tamman was overcome by smoke but was not missed Foster, leaving the building, tripped over his body.

The city dealer was reading a newspaper when he was heard to exclaim: "Even the cows are doing it now."

"Doing what?" inquired his wife. "Hearings," he replied.

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With this thought in mind, Victorians are taking the opportunity of filling their larders before the last-minute "buying rush" begins. Hundreds of birds from the Prairies, in addition to locally raised turkeys offer a market of choice high-grade fowl from which housewives may choose the main course of Friday's dinner.

Ranging in price from thirty cents to forty-two cents a pound, and in quality from Grade "A" birds to Grade "C," the opportunity to buy a turkey is afforded almost everywhere. Many local shops report the birds moving fast but dealers in the public market predict their big days will be Wednesday and Thursday.

Although there may be a shortage of better grade birds from the Prairies due to the drought, the effect of importing from Alberta and Saskatchewan has caused a slight decrease in the price on the local market.

Chickens, ducks and geese will share honors as substitutes for the gobbler at the Christmas board.

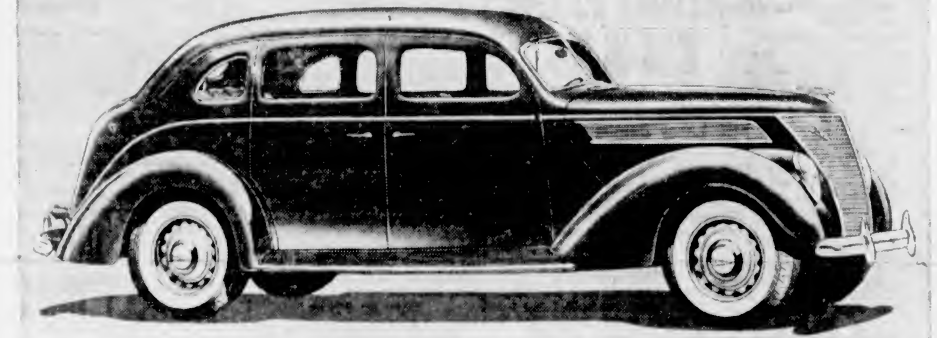
Young son—Daddy, why didn't Noah wait both flies while he had the chance?

WORKMEN TOO EAGER
MONTREAL, Dec. 19 (AP).—The trouble, Thomas Clement claims, is that the city of Lachine tore down one house too many. His house, unoccupied while he lived in Montreal, was next door to one the Lachine city ordered demolished. He says the workmen just went right ahead and pulled it down too. He wants \$5,200 from the city.

BREAKER OF RECORD INJURED IN JUMP
PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP).—Maurice Hiltz, feminine flyer who last summer broke the French men's and women's altitude records, was seriously injured today in a parachute jump. She bailed out when the ship developed motor trouble during a trial flight near Istres.

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New Aldermen to Be Sworn In January 4 According to Plans

Mayor-Elect Andrew McGavin and School Trustees To Also Take Oath Before Judge Shandley—May Have Ceremony in Council Chamber

ARRANGEMENTS are being completed at the City Hall to swear in new members of the 1937 Council and School Board before Judge H. H. Shandley in the County Court. There is a move afoot to have the age-old ceremony carried out in the Council Chamber instead of at the Courthouse. Mayor-Elect Andrew McGavin has tentatively agreed to have the ceremony performed on Monday, January 4, in the morning.

Council members to take the oath and I will faithfully perform the duties of my office, and will not allow any private interest to influence my conduct in public matters. "And I further do solemnly promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George VI, his heirs and successors. So help me God." The Municipal Act requires the same declaration after which he will be handed the seal of the city by Judge Shandley.

TRUSTEES OATH

The following declaration will be made by aldermen: "I, a trustee elected for the City of Victoria aforesaid, do declare that I am a British subject, possessing the qualifications by law required, and that I am not in any way disqualified from holding the office of alderman, and I have not, nor will have while holding office, any interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract or service connected with the corporation, except such as I may lawfully have under the provisions of the Municipal Act in that behalf. I have not, by myself or any other person, knowingly employed any bribery, corruption, or intimidation to gain my election."

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Stephen Leacock, Famous Humorist, To Speak in City

STEPHEN Leacock, world-famous Canadian humorist and author, will address a luncheon meeting of the Men's Canadian Club here on January 4. It was announced yesterday. He will speak on "Economic Separation in the British Empire." On January 5, Mr. Leacock will address the Women's Canadian Club on "Humor as a Serious Matter."

Schools Act. I have not, by myself or any other person, knowingly employed any bribery, corruption, or intimidation to gain my election or appointment, and I will faithfully perform the duties of my office, and I will not allow any private interest to influence my conduct in public matters. "And I further do solemnly promise and swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George VI, his heirs and successors. So help me God." The Municipal Act requires the same declaration after which he will be handed the seal of the city by Judge Shandley.

FURTHER AID IS REQUIRED

Saanich Fund Raises Nearly Half of Total Needs—Contributors Thanked

Nearly one-half of its total requirement has been received by the Saanich Welfare Association's hamper campaign. It was announced by Reeve William Crouch yesterday. A total of over \$800 had been received up to 4 o'clock, but later donations it was reported, had swelled the total to nearly \$1,000.

However, officials emphasized that it was essential that generous Saanich residents wishing to contribute should do so immediately in order that the \$2,000 may be raised. It is expected about 500 hampers will be required, and unless the sum mentioned is raised, a drive and Christmas is in store for many needy families in the municipality.

ACKNOWLEDGE DONATIONS

The fund acknowledged with thanks gifts of food and cash from the following: Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Butchart, Mrs. Cullum, Mrs. J. J. Burns, E. W. Bird, Branth Nurseries, Florence B. Struthers, Edith Collin, Anonymous, A. Derman, Mrs. Charles Lee, Miss Gertrude Day, Mrs. J. W. Wainwright, Alfred Steele, Ronald M. Angus, E. M. Scott, Mrs. Travis Bagley, Mrs. J. J. Mrs. Edwards, Jack Evans, Mrs. F. W. Ellis, Mrs. J. C. Siles, F. W. Rayner, R. W. Wainwright, R. Kershaw, A. Matheson, W. C. Bryant, Nat Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas, E. Jones, Mrs. Perrin, F. Jordan, Anonymous, Walter Thomson, Meta Hodge, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, R. L. Allen, J. W. Fraser, Edna and Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Grey, L. Shrimpton.

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Rev. Montague Bruce, H. T. Lock, A. Friend, Army & Navy Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. G. Ralston, N. Nelson, Mrs. H. Aikens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mayor, E. Pratt, H. D. Cowan, In Memory of a Little Girl, Mrs. Tubbs, L. E. Russell, W. G. Bird, J. M. Malcolm, Mrs. M. A. Hunter, Mrs. F. G. White, Moore & Whittington Lumber Co., D. L. Lawson, R. H. R. Ker, Mrs. Seward Wilson, E. D. Todd, Mrs. L. Pollard, Hickman Tye Hardware, W. R. Shotbolt, Lord and Lady Colville, Mrs. L. McCrea, General H. S. Hughes, Westwood, R. H. M. Club, W. P. Salisbury, T. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Winkell, Northwest Creamery, S. P. Burley, Cameron Lumber Co., J. Olson, Fisher, Henry Wild, Andrew Short, Ltd., S. S. Phillips, Flynn, Cooper, H. S. & Co., Clavin, Ltd., R. Lavitz, Alton, Henderson, Miss Gowan, Commander V. P. Allevne, P. E. Whislow, Davis Drake Motors, Hattie Stove Co., Mr. and Mrs. G. F. H. Farmer, N. W. Whittaker, M. P. D., James Muir, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Haller, Vancouver Island Coach Line, Harold Pithorn, A. J. Smith, Miss F. Fitz Gibbon, Christie Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Deane, Cox, Miss B. Beaz, Rev. S. Howard, Charles Grant, Marjorie H. Munro, Charlotte Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Clifford, Captain C. W. Hooper, Mrs. H. R. Gale, S. Pull, Lake Hill, W. H. Mcintosh.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ormond, E. V. Leslie, Mrs. G. Slinger, John A. Grant, P. Holloway, C. S. Ball, P. Grant, P. Luker, Miriam S. Lowe, G. H. Roe, C. H. Tait, Mr. and Mrs. F. Melton, Mr. W. P. P. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Trousdale, G. H. Gardiner, Dennis Hoare, L. McDonald, J. A. Peard, Commander and Mrs. J. S. Hicks, W. Graham, Alice Florence C. Jefferson, Jane Kingsbury, W. A. Bisset, E. E. Bell, Walter Holloway, Baker Brick & Tile Co., Travers and Nordeen Rankin, D. Schroeder and Mrs. Schroeder.

"So you are building a new house, eh? How are you getting along with it?" "Fine. I've got the roof and the mortgage on it, and I expect to have the furnace and the sheriff in before long."

RECORD RUSH OF SHOPPERS IS REPORTED

Thousands Throng Stores to Select Christmas Gifts and Week-End Supplies

FOUR DAYS LEFT TO COMPLETE PURCHASES

All yesterday thousands of busy Christmas shoppers thronged the business district to complete gift lists and arrange for festive season supplies. Many merchants reported sales far in excess of the corresponding day last year, and took it as an accepted fact that there is much more money in circulation this winter.

Several shops kept open until 9 o'clock in the evening in order to give busy housewives and those who worked in the afternoon a chance to select gifts. It was also found convenient by many of the regular Saturday shoppers.

"Goodness, I am sure I don't know what to get for father," "Say, miss, can you suggest anything for my wife?" "Now I wonder what Johnny would like for Christmas. Most of the things on his list are far too expensive for us." "Wish I knew what to get Myrtle," and hundreds of similar expressions were heard on all sides as shoppers crowded the aisles of busy stores.

PARKING PROBLEM

Only four shopping days remain before Christmas dawn, and it is anticipated there will be a record rush. Yesterday the parking problem was acute, many motorists being forced to leave machines several blocks from their intended destinations. But such little inconveniences are no bother during the festive season.

It was announced by the Liquor Control Board yesterday that vendors' stores on Johnson and Humboldt Streets would remain open until 8 o'clock on Wednesday evening and 10 o'clock Christmas Eve.

Many busy salesmen and saleswomen are looking forward to the long holiday from Christmas Day through Boxing Day (to Sunday and Monday) and it is expected they will appreciate the opportunity for a rest after experiencing the most strenuous shopping season for several years.

There was an unexpected scarcity of change in many of the smaller businesses yesterday afternoon. Particularly heavy was the demand for twenty-five-cent pieces. The larger stores reported many calls for silver from all sources, and it is expected when banks open Monday morning there will be a rush to restock tills.

ATTRACT ATTENTION

Along with turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese in a large butcher shop, a row of snickling pigs attracted considerable attention from shoppers. Many probably recalled the days when it was a Christmas custom to serve "young roast snickling pig," together with turkey or other fowl. There is a brisk demand for hams to serve with fowl at the festive board.

More than ever before shoppers are seeking useful gifts this year for relatives and friends. There seems to be a genuine effort to purchase articles that people need. However, luxuries and toys for children are not being forgotten in the shopping rush. Every shop with a toyland is thronged with parents and youngsters admiring the colorful array of dolls, wheeled toys and games dear to the heart of children. It is reported that many a child has made out his or her Christmas list after such a visit.

ENTERTAIN AT ANNUAL PARTY

Money Raised for Charity By United Commercial Travelers Here

Members of the United Commercial Travelers, Victoria Council, entertained their wives and friends at their annual Christmas party and dance last night, in the K. of C. Hall. Proceeds will go to charity.

Approximately 175 persons enjoyed the splendid programme arranged by the entertainment committee, under the chairmanship of Richard Williams, assisted by the ladies' auxiliary, under Mrs. E. G. Rowe.

Following the dinner at candle-lit tables, Senior Counselor Victor Palmer, Nanaimo, welcomed the guests, thanked the entertainment committee for their efforts, and wished all a merry Christmas.

GREETINGS RECEIVED

Greetings were read from several cities in the Pacific Northwest. Songs were rendered by Mrs. L. M. McClellan, Mrs. Stanley Moore and Pierre L. and Mrs. James Cameron, and a Timpani were the accompanists. Mr. Winterbottom

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Here's a gift most women would love to receive on Christmas morning—Beautiful Padded Silk Dressing Gowns (silk lined) and finished with two pockets and silk rope girdle. In colors of pink, blue, mauve and black.

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At this popular price you may choose smart Gift Gloves of English chambray, French kid, cape kid and Pac-Tex in the newest shades for Winter wear. They're all dependable qualities. Pair, \$2.50

DAINTY RAYON GIFT SETS \$1.00 TO \$2.95

Pretty Lace-Trimmed and Embroidered Rayon Gift Sets in white and dainty pastel colors, are reasonably priced at \$2.95 to \$1.00

BLOUSES ARE ALWAYS ACCEPTABLE \$2.95 TO \$8.50

You'll adore this fine showing of smart new Gift Blouses in tailored and novelty styles in white and eggshell. They are always acceptable as gifts. \$2.95 to \$8.50

GIVE A SWEATER TO THE OUTDOOR GIRL \$2.95 TO \$8.95

What outdoor girl wouldn't appreciate one of these smart Imported Wool Sweaters in cardigan or pullover style? Many new knits to select from in all the wanted colors. \$2.95 to \$8.95

WHY NOT A GAY WOOL-SCARF? \$1.00 TO \$3.75

Here is a most useful and acceptable gift, and you'll find dozens to select from in gay new designs and Scotch tartans. Exceptional value at \$1.00 to \$3.75

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ATTEND THE VARSITY BALL—EMPRESS HOTEL, DECEMBER 22

led the United Commercial Travelers' Glee Club and the gathering in community singing.

SALTSPRING RESIDENT LAID TO LAST REST

SALTSPRING ISLAND, Dec. 19.—The funeral of Eliza Martell, who passed away at her home "Woodthorpe," Salt Spring Island, after a lingering illness, took place on Tuesday at St. Mary's Church, Puffin Harbor.

Rev. C. H. Popham, vicar of the parish, officiated, and Mrs. V. C. Best was at the organ. The hymns chosen were "Forever With the Lord" and "For All the Saints." These were followed by the singing of the Twenty-Third Psalm.

church. The pallbearers were Col. J. Brown, Harold and Rosemary Price, A. Davis, L. Crapper and J. Cairns.

Prior to making her home on the island, several years ago Mrs. Martell had been a resident of Vancouver.

She was married by her husband, George Martell, of Salt Spring Island.

NANAIMO Dec. 19.—John Nicholson, seventy-four, a resident of Nanaimo for many years, died at Nanaimo Hospital this afternoon. At one time he was a member of the Nanaimo city police. He leaves his widow, one son, Edward, Nanaimo, and three daughters, Mrs. J. Bradshaw and Miss Emma Nicholson, Nanaimo, and a married daughter residing in Vancouver.

DEATH TOLL RISES

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 19.—The toll of those killed or maimed by an explosion

yesterday in a mine near Anandol, Bengal, rose today to 211. Although rescue operations were being pushed with all speed, little hope was held for any of the entombed men.



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Bark Arabella Ran Into Foul Luck on Christmas in 1886

British Windjammer Piled Up on Trial Island in Fog When Being Towed by Tug Pilot on Her Way From Hastings Mill to Montevideo

CHRISTMAS Day brings happiness for some but sorrow to others. It was on Christmas morning in 1886 that the British bark Arabella, in command of Capt. Williams, piled up on Trial Island, off Victoria. Being a stout vessel, she did not break up like many windjammers caught on the rocky Vancouver Island coast. She was eventually hauled off and towed to Esquimalt to be refitted for sea.

Built at Quebec in 1875, the Arabella was a 729-ton sailing ship owned by G. R. Rees, of Carnarvon, Wales. She was insured at San Francisco. Her length was 163 feet, breadth, 32 feet, and depth of hold, 19 feet.

Laden with lumber at Hastings Mill, the Arabella left in tow of the Provincial Government tug Pilot, Capt. Douglas, on her way to Montevideo. Nearing Victoria, a dense fog settled over the water and shut out all landmarks. It was the intention of Capt. Douglas to make for the Royal Roads and anchor until the weather cleared up.

Finally Capt. Eilersham, pilot aboard the tug sighted part of the Arabella. He then felt well assured as to his course and kept the tug under a slow bell. Without an instant's warning the tug ran upon the southerly shore of Trial Island and wedged herself in a rocky crevice.

BARK PILES UP
Carried along by her momentum, the bark missed the tug by a few feet and also piled up on the rocks. The mate of the Pilot and Booth, steward of the Arabella, rowed ashore to Shoal Bay. They borrowed a horse and rig and secured services of the tug Alexander from the harbor.

After making two lines fast to the Pilot, the Alexander succeeded in pulling her off with no damage save loss of the false keel. She was found to be making no water, nor were any of her timbers strained. Both tugs concentrated upon the hapless Arabella. Several lines were played aboard, but although both vessels churned the water into white foam, they could not move the windjammer an inch. A large hole had been stove in her bottom through which water entered freely. Capt. Williams and his crew unloaded the cabin furniture, some

and originally anticipated at the auction. The captain of the Pilot reported the sailing ship's hull still in good condition, with no sign of the hole becoming any larger through pounding from the waves. By January 1, 1887, Cowper's men had taken off 4000 feet of lumber. A southeast gale drove the Arabella even higher up on the rocky shore. Between January 2 and 4 more lumber was hauled out and placed aboard again alongside the wreck. Workmen were certain there was no hope of saving the vessel, particularly when the tugs Alexander and Hope were unsuccessful in a salvage attempt on January 5. But Cowper thought there was hope with the ship lightened through removal of her cargo.

With the help of shears made from the Arabella's spars, the tug Hope refloated the sailing ship on January 9 with many thousand feet of lumber still in her hold. A strong wind and tide threw the vessels bow against the rocks again, but the salvors were not to be cheated of their prey. They got the ship off again and towed her to the Hudson's Bay Company wharf at Esquimalt, where repairs were later carried out.

ANNUAL DINNER TUESDAY NIGHT

Y.M.C.A. Christmas Function Arranged—Holiday Schedule is Outlined

With a general invitation extended to all those who have no Christmas dinner arranged, the annual Y.M.C.A. dinner for members and friends sponsored by the board of directors, the Camera Club, and dormitory men will be held in the association's cafeteria Tuesday evening at 6:15 o'clock.

E. G. Rowbottom will be chairman for the evening, while a Christmas message will be delivered by H. B. Witter, president of the Y.M.C.A. In addition to the turkey dinner, a musical programme will be given. The whole gathering will sing Christmas carols and artists will contribute to an interesting programme.

WEEKLY SING-SONG
This evening at 9 o'clock the Centennial United Church Young People's Society will be in charge of the weekly sing-song in the lecture hall. Christmas music will be featured, after which refreshments will be served.

On New Year's Eve, the Y.M.C.A. and N.Y.C.A. will hold a joint social and dance in the Y.W.C.A. All

Takes Off From Car Roof



Mike Murphy, flying a two-cylinder Taylor cub airplane, takes off from the roof of an automobile successfully as the car raced around the flying field at Miami, Fla., at the opening of the ninth annual all-American manoeuvres.

young people desirous of attending are asked to telephone Empire 7194 or call at the Y.M.C.A.

MANY EVENTS
An interesting programme of events has been outlined by the Y.M.C.A. directors for the holiday season as follows:

Dec. 21, 3:30 p.m.—Junior indoor track and field meet.
Dec. 22, 6:15 p.m.—Annual Christmas dinner.
Dec. 25—Christmas Day. Observed as a Sunday, gymnasium and pool closed.

Dec. 26, 10:00 a.m.—Prep's indoor track meet.
Dec. 27, 9:00 p.m.—Sunday evening conference, in charge of Victoria Truth Centre Y.P.S. Refreshments.

Dec. 28, 7:00 p.m.—Interclass volleyball tournament.
Dec. 28, 7:30 p.m.—Opening of annual Y.M.C.A. mixed handicap badminton tournament.

Dec. 29, 7:00 p.m.—Interclass basketball tournament.
Dec. 30, 7:00 p.m.—Junior Girls vs. Junior Boys Swimming Club Gala and social.

Dec. 30, 7:30 p.m.—Badminton Mixed handicap tournament finals.
Dec. 31, 9:00 p.m.—As Y.W.C.A. annual young people's frolic.

Jan. 1, 2:00 p.m.—New Year's Day. Annual open house.
Jan. 3, 9:00 p.m.—Sunday evening song service, with programme provided by Oakland Gospel Hall Y.P.S.

Jan. 4, 4:00 p.m.—Regular classes and clubs recommence.
Jan. 5, 9:45 p.m.—Young men's section coffee social.

Jan. 22, 8:00 p.m.—Annual indoor track meet, University of British Columbia vs. Y.M.C.A. Keep the date open.

Obituary

SEWELL—On Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital, the death occurred of Mrs. Margaret Sewell, aged twenty years, wife of Winston Sewell, of 1228 Merritt Street. She was born in Victoria and is survived by her husband, her father, Edward Prynnall, and two sisters, Mrs. B. Southern, and Miss Dorothy Prynnall, all of Victoria. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at McCall Bros' Funeral Home, Rev. Canon Stocken will conduct the service, after which interment will be in Royal Oak Burial Park.

BUTTON—At the Jubilee Hospital, the death occurred yesterday of Mrs. May Button, aged sixty-five years, wife of Henry Button, 813 Penwell Street. She was born in Marysville, Cal., and had resided in Victoria for the past fifty years. Funeral announcements will be made later.

COLMAN—The funeral of William Colman, who passed away on Friday, will be held in Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev. Canon Nunn will conduct the service. Interment will be made in the family plot in Ross Bay Cemetery.

RANDOLPH—Funeral services for Mrs. Joseph (Joe) Randolph will be held in Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. G. B. Switzer, D.D., officiating, after which the remains will be forwarded to Vancouver for cremation.

DICKERSON—There was a large gathering of friends present yesterday afternoon at funeral services conducted at St. John's Church, Colwood, by Rev. Montague Bruce for the late Mrs. Alice Elizabeth Rose Dickerson. The many beautiful floral tributes received testified to the high esteem in which Mrs. Dickerson was held. The remains were laid at rest in the church cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: J. King, George Neal, W. M. Brown, J. W. Marshall, R. W. Robinson and G. A. Turner.

LAUCHER—Funeral services for Mrs. Rose Mary Laucher, who passed away on Thursday, will be conducted on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Sands Mortuary Chapel. Rev. G. R. V. Bolger will officiate and the remains will be laid at rest in Colwood Burial Park.

BASS—The remains of the late Oscar O. Bass, K.C., were committed to the waters of the Straits yesterday morning from a Provincial Police boat, which was in charge of Corporal D. O. Trenchard. Rev. P. L. Stephenson conducted the simple committal service, and as the casket sunk to its last resting place four beautiful floral tributes were cast upon the waters. The casket

APPEAL MADE BY CLUB FOR HAMPER FUND

Gyros Need Support Immediately—Raise but One-Quarter of Amount

WILL START PACKING—OF HAMPERS TONIGHT

First working parties will go into action in packing the Gyro Christmas hampers in the food warehouse on View Street, just east of Quadra, tonight at 7 o'clock, under the general supervision of Edward M. Whyte.

Mr. Whyte has assembled the tons of supplies necessary to stock the hampers with generous portions of food for distribution to needy families in Victoria, Oak Bay and Esquimalt.

The packing plant has been arranged akin to a motor factory's assembly plant. The hampers start empty at one end, and by the time they reach the other end of the warehouse—160 feet have been traversed—they are full. Following this, they are sealed and piled high awaiting distribution, which will take place on Christmas Eve and early Christmas Day.

The Gyro Club needs all the support it can possibly get. The supplies have been purchased and the money for them must be forthcoming. To 4 p.m. yesterday a little over \$1600 had been raised. The quota established by the club was set at \$6000.

There are only four more days in which to make contributions. These may be left at the Gyro hamper offices at 843 Yates Street. Your promise to donate will be recorded if you telephone Empire 7174 or Empire 7175.

COMPLETE LISTS
At the hamper offices yesterday, the staff worked until a late hour completing the list of all those who are to receive hampers. The number is expected to exceed 1200.

The success of the Gyro Hamper Fund in previous years, one official said, has proved somewhat of a boomerang on the drive this year. That the fund can raise all the money it requires has become a certainty in the minds of so many citizens that the result is they think it is unnecessary to contribute.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Returns this year have just trickled in and worried expressions are beginning to appear on the faces of officials of the drive.

It is the mass of small contributions that bring the drive to its ultimate success. It was agreed by officials that if everyone in the Victoria, Oak Bay and Esquimalt districts would contribute a small amount, the fund would reach its \$6000 objective within two days.

STREET BROADCASTS
As another feature of the drive, the Gyro Club has arranged a series of "man-in-the-street" programmes, which are emanating from the windows of Kresge's store, where Bob Smith will interview all persons desiring to say "hello" to the folks at home for a small amount. The entire sum raised in this manner is being turned over to the club for use in its drive.

A regular broadcast will be presented from the Chamber of Commerce tomorrow night at 8 o'clock under the sponsorship of the B.C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd. For a small admission charge, Victoria residents can join the clubmen in their presentation of the broadcast.

Mrs. J. F. McCorkall Summons by Death

There passed away suddenly yesterday morning at her residence, 1127 Denman Street, Mrs. Jane Freheirn McCorkall, widow of James McCorkall. Mrs. McCorkall was apparently in her normal good health almost up to the hour of her death, and had walked to town on Friday, and her passing will be mourned by a wide circle of friends.

She was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and had resided in Victoria for over forty years.

She is survived by one son, William McCorkall, two daughters, Mrs. James Brown and Miss Martha McCorkall, also a sister, Mrs. M. C. Nathan, a brother, William Anderson and two grandsons, Lewis and Raymond McCorkall, all of Victoria. The deceased was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

The remains are resting at Haywards' B.C. Funeral Chapel where the funeral will take place on Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Rev. H. P. S. Little officiating. Interment will be made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

CHILDREN ASKED TO PRAY FOR POPE PIUS

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which invitations were issued yesterday. It was learned the Pope now was impressed by the fact that each unusual exertion of recent days has caused a setback in his condition.

TO SEE CARDINALS
He will see the cardinals one by one in his sickroom between now and Christmas if he is able.

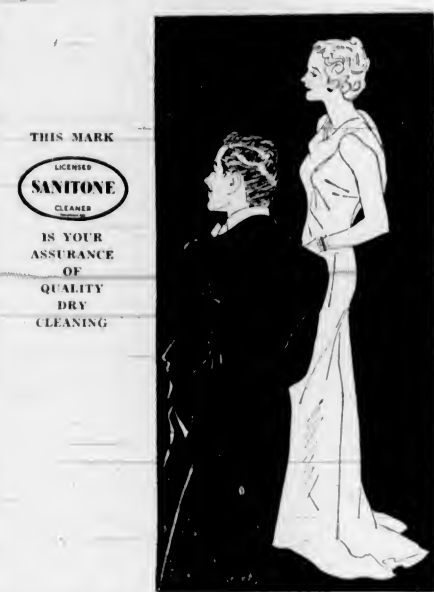
Except for a few moments in an arm chair the Holy Father spent today, abed.

In many quarters there was intense speculation as to the Pope's probable successor, now that he has turned over temporary direction of Vatican affairs to Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, the Papal Secretary of State. Cardinal Pacelli and two other cardinals, Elias Della Costa, Archbishop of Florence, and Luigi Luciani, Archbishop of Palermo, were among the most likely choices.

Little Relief in Northern Ontario

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—There is virtually no relief in Northern Ontario, with possible exception of two centres. Premier Mitchell T. Hepburn told a gathering at the annual banquet of the Commercial Travelers' Association here last night. He stressed confidence in the province's mining industry and the stimulation of mining activity.

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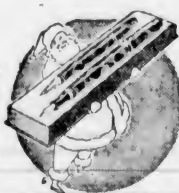
For Her

Diamond Rings	\$18.75 to \$450.00
Diamond Set Wedding Rings	\$12.50 to \$120.00
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Signet Rings	\$2.50 to \$10.00
Sterling Silver Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets	\$25.00 to \$45.00
Pyralin and Chrome Sets	\$1.95 to \$17.50
Cultured Pearl Necklaces	\$25.00 to \$50.00
Compact, Purse and Umbrella	\$10.50
Fringed Bags from Compacts	\$1.00 to \$13.50
Sewing Sets, Notebook, Manicure Sets	75c to \$12.50
Necklet and Ring Sets	\$2.00 to \$15.00



For Him

Packard and Schick Electric Shavers	\$16.50
Wrist Watches—Among the better of these are included Longines, Rolex, Mars, Elgin and Bulova	\$8.50 to \$75.00
Signet Rings	\$5.00 to \$20.00
Stone Set and Lodge Emblem Rings	\$6.75 to \$25.00
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Pen and Pencil Sets (Name on each, free)	\$2.95 to \$15.00
Parker Desk Sets	\$2.95 to \$30.00
Cigarette Cases	\$1.00 to \$35.00
Cigarette Boxes	\$17.50 to \$85.00
Flasks	\$3.75 to \$35.00
Ash Trays and Smoking Sets	\$1.50 to \$10.75
Cocktail Sets	\$8.50 to \$45.00



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Tea Sets	\$11.75 to \$225.00
Trays	\$6.50 to \$65.00
Clocks (Striking)	\$10.00 to \$30.00
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Electric Clocks	\$1.75 to \$14.00
Traveling Clocks	\$9.50 to \$25.00
Entree Dishes	\$8.75 to \$35.00
Table Centres and Rose Bowls	\$2.25 to \$70.00
Relish Dishes	\$1.95 to \$27.50
Cake Plates	\$1.95 to \$25.00
Bonbon Dishes	\$1.00 to \$8.50
Pie Plates	\$2.75 to \$3.75
Casserole Dishes	\$3.75 to \$9.50
Water Jugs	\$1.75 to \$25.00
Hot Water Jugs	\$1.00 to \$35.00
Rogers' and Community Sets of Table Silver	\$12.75 to \$49.50



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Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest



Horticultural Society Meets

At the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Victoria Horticultural Society, held in the Liberal rooms, Mrs. D. Ramsey and Mrs. R. Hetherington were unanimously re-elected as president and secretary, respectively. Mrs. J. Newton was chosen as vice-president, and Mrs. J. Hodge and Mrs. F. E. Boulter, together with the above officers, were appointed to the executive.

Mrs. Hetherington was congratulated on her very comprehensive report, dealing with the various phases of the auxiliary's activities. She reported a very successful year, with an increase both in finances and membership.

Donations were voted to the Victoria Horticultural Society, the Solarium and the Salvation Army. Mrs. D. Ramsey, the president, thanked the members for their hearty co-operation throughout the year.

New Year's Eve Dance

Victoria Lodge No. 1 and Columbia Lodge No. 2, I.O.O.F., are making arrangements to entertain their families and friends at their annual New Year's Eve dance and card party to be held in the Odd Fellows' Hall on Thursday, December 31. Cards will begin at 9:30 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m.

The race may be to the swift, but it is a good thing that the British Government is to put a little bit more on the fleet.

Pretty Little Curly Head



Here is little Jacqueline Mary Sisson, three-and-a-half-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sisson, 2331 Bowker Avenue, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pearson, 2253 Dalhousie Street, and of Mr. H. Sisson, Vancouver.

Tea for Bride-to-Be

Mrs. Owen Spencer, a popular bride-to-be, was the guest of honor at a pre-Christmas tea given by Mrs. H. R. Taylor at her home on Richmond Avenue. Little Yvonne Taylor received the guests at the door and presented flowers to Mrs. Spencer. During the tea hour the hostess was assisted by Mrs. Fred Spencer and Mrs. J. H. Lee, who poured tea and coffee, and by Mrs. J. T. Jones and Miss M. King, who assisted in serving. Carrying out the color scheme of mauve, green and gold, the prettily appointed table was centred with an effective arrangement of large mauve and gold chrysanthemums intermingled with miniature green lights, flanked with four tall tapers and individual vases of chrysanthemums lighted with flower tapers. The Christmas cake was topped with a miniature tree lighted with tiny candles. During the tea hour the drawing-room was illuminated with red flower tapers among Christmas chrysanthemums. The guests included Mrs. Fred Spencer, Mrs. J. H. Lee, Mrs. F. D. Horsford, Mrs. J. T. Jones, Mrs. Ben Davies, Mrs. S. F. Miles, Mrs. Lorne Campbell, Mrs. T. Ford, Mrs. A. B. McNeill, Mrs. R. H. Boothie, Mrs. A. H. Davies, Mrs. G. R. Fleming, Miss M. King, Mrs. G. Marr Duncan, Mrs. O. H. Dorman, Mrs. Duncan Bain, Mrs. F. J. Hall, Mrs. Howard Tyrrell, Mrs. W. G. Groppe and Miss Muriel Johnson.

Attend Luncheon

A number of Canadian Army officers attended the luncheon given recently at the Naval and Military Club, London, by the Army Council, the party having been arranged for officers of the Dominion Military Forces now in England. The Canadian guests present included: Lieut. R. C. W. Hooper (Royal Canadian Artillery), son of Captain and Mrs. C. W. W. Hooper, 3336 Doncaster Drive, Victoria; Lieut. C. A. Ballard (Royal Canadian Artillery); Lieut. J. A. W. Bennett (Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps); Lieut. P. B. Corlaine (P.P.C.L.); Major C. S. Craig (Royal Canadian Artillery); Lieut. A. W. Y. DeBrisay (Royal Canadian Corps of Signals); Major P. Hennessy (Royal Canadian Army Service Corps); Captain R. F. L. Keller (P.P.C.L.); Captain K. G. McCullagh (Royal Canadian Corps of Signals); Lieut.-Colonel M. A. Pope (Royal Canadian Engineers); and Captain G. W. Smart (Royal Canadian Corps of Signals).

Entertain With Tea

Miss Edith Franks was hostess yesterday afternoon at a delightfully arranged tea at the Empress Hotel. Novelty favors were set by each guest's place, and the centre of the table held a bowl of orchids. The invited guests included Mrs. R. B. Price, who presided at the tea; Miss E. J. Herbert, Miss M. Hodge, Miss N. Gray, Miss A. Fennell, Miss McDonald, Miss A. Brevie, Miss G. Currie, Miss M. Mirfield, Miss L. Mitchell, Miss M. MacBride, Miss M. Bentham, Miss E. Morrison and Miss K. E. Gray.

Sorority Party

Miss Barbara Leigh, Quadra Street, entertained the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority at its annual Christmas party on Friday evening. Two games of monopoly were enjoyed and the prize was won by Miss K. McIntyre. It was decided by the members to donate \$7 for Christmas hampers and members are asked to bring toys for the hampers with Miss M. Hemminger at 1304 Broad Street.

Leaving for California

Frank Holland, Rocky Point, and his children, Joseph and Theodora, will leave at the beginning of this week for a prolonged stay at Palm Spring, California. Mrs. Holland has been seriously ill for some time, and the trip has been planned in the interests of his health.

Leaves for South

Miss Jean Torrance, Blackwood Street, left yesterday afternoon for Seattle en route to California. She will join her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Torrance, in Los Angeles, and on Boxing Day she will act as a bridesmaid to her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Richards, whose marriage will take place that day.

From Willamette College

Mr. Jack Ferguson, former Victoria High School student, who has been studying at Willamette College, Ore., has returned to the city for the Christmas holidays and is seeing many of his friends. He is with his parents at 1418 Fernwood Road.

Christmas in East

Mr. Thomas Leeming has left for Vancouver to join his daughter, Miss Marjorie Leeming, and they will proceed East to spend the Christmas season with his son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Salmon, in Toronto.

Here for Holidays

Miss Rhoda Walton, of the staff at the Port Alice Superior School, will arrive in Victoria tomorrow morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Walton, 3319 Quadra Street.

Home From Vancouver

Miss Stephanie Campbell, who has been attending the Vancouver School of Art, is returning to Victoria to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Campbell, London, Lansdowne Road.

Holidays Here

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie T. Willoughby, Vancouver, will arrive in Victoria on Christmas Eve to spend the holiday weekend here with Mrs. Willoughby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Toulthill, Westward Ho, Mount Timble.

Passes Examination

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Bouchner, 419 Belleville Street, have received word that her daughter, Miss Joan Bouchner, who is training at the Western Hospital, London, has passed her preliminary state examination.

Holiday at Home

Miss Marjorie Tinker, who has been teaching at Port Essington, is expected to arrive in Victoria tomorrow to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Tinker, Wilmer Street.

Arrives From Nanaimo

Miss Kay Hunter, who is attending St. Ann's Convent, Nanaimo, has arrived in the city to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, Devonshire House, Port Street.

Visiting Parents

Mr. C. N. Phipps, of the Imperial Bank of Canada in Vancouver, has arrived in the city to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. C. Phipps, 1443 Denman Street.

Home for Holidays

Miss Christine Baillie, who is attending Strathcona Lodge School, Shawanigan Lake, has arrived in the city to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. D. M. Baillie, Beach Drive.

Coming for Christmas

Mr. and Mrs. Galt Martin will arrive in Victoria on Christmas morning to spend the holiday season with the former's grandmother, Mrs. John Galt, Rockland Avenue.

From Calgary

Mrs. J. H. Woods, Calgary, has arrived to spend the Christmas season with her son-in-law and daughter, Brigadier and Mrs. D. J. MacDonald, Work Point Barracks.

Going to Calgary

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis, Despard Avenue, will leave on Tuesday to spend the Christmas season with relatives in Calgary.

Take Up Residence Here

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Irwin, formerly of Vancouver, have taken up residence in Mr. J. M. Nichol's house, 906 Pemberton Road.

Leaves for Vancouver

Miss Marianne Cecil, of the staff of Norfolk House School, has left for Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

Victoria Poets in Prairie Calendar

The Winnipeg Free Press has issued its 1937 calendar in the form of a loose-leaf selection of photographs of Manitoba scenery which have appeared in The Free Press during the past year.

Appropriate selections from Canadian poets have been used in connection with the various illustrations.

Three Victoria poets have been honored by selection of their work in the book "Prairie Wisdom", by Marion Isabel Angus (an excerpt from her book "Prairie Wisdom"), Florin Clark, McArthur and Edna Jacques. Another poem from Mrs. Angus' "Prairie Wisdom" has been included in the Canadian Calendar, 1937, from the Crucible Press. A selection from the work of Mrs. C. D. A. Henderson, also of this city, was another contribution from the Pacific Coast.

Has Arrived From Montreal



MRS. E. T. NEWELL, Who Was Married Recently in Montreal, Is Here Visiting Her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mossam, Wilshire Manor.

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Scotch Mole Coats, at	\$98.50
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The first door she opened turned out to be the bathroom, occupied at the moment by an elderly man. "Excuse me," she stammered. "I'm looking for the fire escape."

She hadn't gone far along the corridor when she heard a shout behind her, and looking round, saw the elderly man wearing only a towel, running after her. "Where's the fire?" he shouted, breathlessly.

KINDERGARTEN CHAIRS	75c
KINDERGARTEN TABLES	\$2.50
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1 lb. H.B.C. Tea	1 lb. Mixed Nuts
15c Mixed Vegetables	1 lb. Dates
1 lb. Cake, Light Fruit or Cherry	1 lb. Fancy Mixed Candy
1 tin Columbia Peaches	1 lb. Mince Meat
1 lb. Mixed Nuts	1 tin Clark's Soup
1 lb. Dates	1 pkt. Cran Butter Wafers
1 tin Clark's Soup	
1 pkt. Cran Butter Wafers	
ALL for	ALL for
\$2.50	\$2.50
NO 3	NO 4
1 Roast Beef, approximately 5 lb	1 Roast Beef, approximately 5 lb
10 lbs. Potatoes	25c Mixed Vegetables
1 lb. Butter, First Grade	1 lb. H.B.C. Tea
5 lbs. Sugar	2 lbs. Butter, First Grade
25c Mixed Vegetables	1 lb. Side Bacon
1 tin Columbia Peaches	1 lb. Cake, Light Fruit or Cherry
1 lb. Mixed Nuts	1 lb. Mince Meat
1 lb. H.B.C. Tea	1 lb. Dates
7 lbs. Featherlite Pastry Flour	1 tin Aylmer Strawberry Jam
1 lb. Cake, Light Fruit or Cherry	1 lb. Mince Meat
1 lb. Mince Meat	1 pkt. Simyra Figs
1 doz. Oranges	1 lb. Mixed Candy
1 lb. Mixed Candy	1 pkt. Cheese, Ingersoll
2 tins Clark's Soups	1 pkt. Oatmeal's Soda
1 pkt. Figs	2 tins Clark's Soups
ALL for	ALL for
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THREE-POWER PACT IS URGED

British House Told Agreement of Neutrality Toward Philippines Necessary

LONDON, Dec. 19 (CP-Havas).—An Anglo-American-Japanese agreement insuring neutrality toward the Philippines in case the United States should abandon all interests in the Pacific Islands was suggested yesterday by the House of Commons yesterday by Hamilton Kerr, Conservative.

Kerr also suggested Great Britain might offset the apparent ties recently welded between Japan and Germany in their anti-Communist pact by recognizing Manchukuo.

Referring to tension in the Far East and to friction caused by fiscal measures imposed by various countries against Japanese goods, Kerr said:

"VIOLENCE OF ATTACK"
"We should make one point very plain, that no one in this country denies to Japan the right to live. What has been objected to is the suddenness and violence of Japan's attack upon world markets. Signs are, however, becoming evident that Japanese opinion reflected somewhat the unfavorable effects of the suddenness of the attack."

Kerr said Japanese traders were making efforts to restrict exports. He cited the recent "gentlemen's agreement" on history as example.

Appealing for closer Anglo-Japanese co-operation, Kerr added: "Japan might demand, in return for such co-operation, the recognition of Manchukuo. Is our present attitude really supporting peace? Is our present attitude able to affect the fact that Japan's population is rising and sooner or later it must find an outlet? Do we take into account that Japan's isolated position at the present moment is driving her more and more into the arms of Germany?"

What Today Means

"SAGITTARIUS"

If December 20 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The danger periods are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Much will depend on your judgment this day. Common sense conclusions and correct appraisals will be arrived at only through cautious deliberations. Hurriedly made deductions are likely to have bad results, so avoid making them. Be careful in handling globular objects, for many a slip is liable to occur. Soft voices will be far more effective than loud ones, particularly if you have occasion to try to impress upon others your point of view. This day you may have a thing apart.

"The woman's whole existence" Let tenderness be evidenced by your every action in both your home and social contacts, for natural affection is apt to be needed to give assurance that indifference does not prevail. Married and engaged couples, as well as those whose hearts are filled with the tender passion must be considerate of each other's feelings this day if it is to be a happy one.

If a woman and December 20 is your birthday, you must likely develop in home life and social activities that revolve around it. Your emotions are easily aroused, especially by the troubles of others. Generous, you are always ready to give whatever you can afford. Your confidence is probably one of your most outstanding characteristics. You ought to have excellent taste in both art and literature. As a designer, writer, teacher, broker or office executive your real worth is likely to receive substantial recognition. Your home life as a wife and mother, in all likelihood, will be without a shadow of care.

The child born on December 20, as soon as it enters the period of adolescence, shows it possesses a loving, generous and confident nature. As it grows older it will, perhaps develop a remarkable creative imagination, which if commercialized may make it famous.

If a man and December 20 is your natal day, you must remember. Lefty designs must close in like effects. You possibly are a devotee of lofty aspirations, which might be made practical if you work them out logically. As an architect, theatrical producer or actor your ambitious hopes may be realized.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

"SAGITTARIUS"

If December 21 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 8:45 to 10:45 a.m., from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. and from 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. The danger periods are from 6:45 to 8:45 a.m., from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. and from 9:45 to 11:45 p.m.

Holding one's tongue under exasperating conditions is an accomplishment. You may have occasion this day to prove you are capable of doing this. If you are wise, you will maintain a conciliatory attitude towards anyone inclined to be disagreeable. Try to avoid people you know are ungenerous, for they are able to prove very irritating on the day. A fragment of your imagination can give you a wrong conception of some condition you are worrying about, without knowing exactly what is back of or causing it. Do not try to surmise what might possibly happen, for if you deal efficiently with this day's problems, you will, no doubt, be kept busy. Social introductions on this day, require gracious acknowledgment. A snippy attitude is likely to lead to some sort of unpleasant tribulation in the near future. Married and engaged couples as well as those whose affection is

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WOMEN'S TIE AND HANDKERCHIEF SETS—Neatly gift-boxed. Each	1.00
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Social Activities and Notes of Personal Interest



Large Gathering Attends Season's Brilliant Affair

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. E. W. Hamber Receive Over 2,000 Guests at Christmas "At Home" at Government House

THE highlight of the Christmas season was the reception held yesterday at Government House, when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. E. W. Hamber received over 2,000 guests, the affair being one of great brilliance.

Everywhere masses of lovely flowers and decorations added to the gaiety of the scene. The hall was arranged with bright groupings of poinsettias, palms and holly, and the mantelpiece of the great open fireplace was festooned with cedar boughs and holly. In the drawing room, shaggy gold and rose chrysanthemums predominated in the decorations, while in the ballroom were small Christmas trees festooned with silver tinsel and a huge tree with glittering decorations of all colors was illuminated by multi-colored electric lights.

The long tea tables, extending the full length of the ballroom, were arranged in a color scheme of red and silver, carried out with silver bowls of red carnations and tall branched silver candelabra bearing lighted red tapers.

GRACIOUS HOSTESS

His Honor and Mrs. Hamber received their guests in the drawing room, and Mrs. Hamber looked particularly charming in a gown of deep rose lame, made with a high neck, long sleeves made full at the shoulder line and tight fitting at the cuffs. The skirt was fashioned with a slight train.

In attendance on His Honor and Mrs. Hamber were the following: Captain W. H. Molson, Brigadier J. Sutherland Brown, Major M. W. Turner, Captain R. L. Mitchell, Lieut.-Commander P. R. W. R. Gow, Major V. McKenna, Captain N. Van der Vliet and Mr. Hew Paterson.

During the afternoon appropriate music was played by the orchestra in the ballroom, the day being banked with flowers and palms.

THOSE INVITED

Those invited were: Alderman and Mrs. James Adam, Miss Adam, Mr. James L. Adamson, Miss K. Annew, Mr. Douglas Almon, Mr. and Mrs. T. Airey, Mr. and Mrs. G. Aish, Capt. and Mrs. Aitken, Miss Aitken, Miss C. I. Alexander, Major and Mrs. H. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Alward, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Angus, Mr. J. R. Appleton, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Archibald, Mrs. C. F. Armstrong, Mr. P. Arnaud, Mr. J. Arnaud, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Arnaud, Miss Arnaud, Col. and Mrs. R. C. Andros, Mrs. E. H. Austin, Brig-

Gen. and Mrs. J. G. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Austin, Mr. A. S. Averill, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Aylard, Mr. C. R. Bagshaw, Mr. G. Bagshaw, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagshaw, Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Baillie, Miss Baillie, Mr. R. A. Bainbridge, Mr. R. Bainbridge, Mrs. R. Baird, Miss Baird, Mr. A. C. Baker, Lieut. and Mrs. A. H. Baker, Mrs. Crow Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Baker, Miss Baker, Dr. J. D. Balfour, Mr. J. M. Banks, Miss Banks, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Banks, Mrs. A. C. Bantier, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. W. Bapty, Mr. H. Bapty, Miss Bapty, Mr. and Mrs. G. Barclay, Capt. C. W. Barker, Mr. D. C. Barker, Hon. Senator and Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Lady Barnard, Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. G. B. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bate, Comdr. and Mrs. C. T. Beard, Miss Beard, Mr. A. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beasley, Mrs. M. Beasley, Mrs. H. P. Beattie, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Beaumont, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Beaven, Dr. and Mrs. Bechtel, Miss E. van Beek, Miss N. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Beckton, Capt. and Mrs. W. Bell, Mr. G. Bell, Mrs. E. A. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bennett, Col. and Mrs. C. C. Bennett, Mrs. J. W. Benning, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Berton, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Birley, Mrs. Blythman, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Boak, Miss I. Bodwell, Mrs. A. G. Bolton, Miss B. O. Bond, Miss Bowron, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Boyd, Mrs. C. W. Bradshaw, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Brae, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bray, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Berton, Miss Berton, Lieut.-Col. L. Broome, Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Brown, Miss Brown, Brig. and Mrs. J. Sutherland Brown, Mrs. M. Brown, Mr. Sutherland Brown, Miss E. M. Bruce, Miss J. E. M. Bruce, Mr. J. T. Bryden, Capt. and Mrs. R. F. H. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. A. Buckle, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Buckley, Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen, Miss D. Bullen, Miss R. Bullen, Mr. E. L. Buller, Major and Mrs. L. Bullock-Webster, Mr. S. Bullock-Webster, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bullock-Webster, the Misses Bullock-Webster, Mrs. C. Bunbury, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Burdick, Mrs. S. Burke, Major and Mrs. K. C. Burness, Mr. G. S. Burnes, Mr. T. H. Burns, Mr. T. H. Burns, Miss P. H. Burns, Mr. Ronald Burns, Miss Burns, Mrs. Burns, Miss Burns, Mrs. G. Bushby,

Charming Portrait Study



Mrs. W. E. Rockingham, of Millstream, is photographed with her lovely grandchildren, Mary Valentine, who is four years old, and Christine Leslie, four months, children of Mr. and Mrs. L. Leslie Hughes, Langford Lake.

Christmas Carols Sung by Juniors

The Junior Musical Arts Society held its Christmas meeting during the week at the home of Mrs. J. O. Cameron, Moss Street. An attractive programme was arranged by Miss Elsie Friend and the guest artists were the Georgian Chorists, under the direction of Mrs. Georgina Watt. Accompanied by Miss Elsie Friend, they sang "It Was a Lover and His Lass," "I Dream of Jeanie," three French Christmas carols; "How Far Is It to Bethlehem" and "Holy Night." Mrs. Watt sang "Robin Adair" and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms."

The remainder of the programme was given by the junior members as follows: Edna Middleton, piano solos; "Polonaise Opus 40, No. 1" (Chopin); "Hearts Ease" (Bridge); "Study in B Flat Minor" (Mendelssohn); Miss Edna MacKenzie recitations, "Waiting," "The Unknown Bird" and "Legend"; trio, Mrs. Anstey, piano; D. Anstey, violin, and T. Anstey, cello, "Suite Opus 13." Miss Aveline Sangster sang Brahms' "Lullaby" and "Sink, Red Sun."

At the conclusion of the programme, the president, Miss Dorothy McKicking, thanked Mrs. Watt and the chorists for singing. Refreshments were served from a table decorated with Christmas novelties and the evening was brought to a close by singing Christmas carols.

PREPARING FOR HOLIDAY THROUGH

Gay Exterior and Interior Decorations to Greet Thousands at Empress Hotel

Yuletide decorations, for which the Empress Hotel is internationally known, are taking shape in preparation for entertaining thousands of local and visiting persons. Gaily decorated Christmas trees have been erected, and over the week-end electricians and decorators will string colored lights outside the hotel and drape the rotunda with green cedars. Flowering poinsettias will add to the Christmas atmosphere.

Some 5,000 persons will attend the ten major events at the hotel in the Christmas and New Year weeks. The children's Christmas tea yesterday attracted 600 persons. Thirteen hun-

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FORESTERS AT PARLEY

B.C. Forest Branch Had Representation at Northwest Meetings

Consideration of forest management policies to secure sustained yields from softwood timbers in the Pacific Northwest was one of the central themes discussed at a group of forestry conferences held last week at Portland, Oregon. C. D. Orchard, assistant chief forester for the Province, reported on his return to the city.

Together with R. C. St. Clair, district forester at Vancouver, Mr. Orchard attended both the annual meeting of the Western Forestry and Conservation Association and the annual gathering of the Society of American Foresters, the latter composed of 4,000 professional foresters of the North American Continent. A number of interesting papers were read.

MUST PROTECT GROWTH
Northwest foresters are alive to the necessity for promoting natural regeneration of softwood stocks by fire prevention, protection of seedling, slash disposal and closer attention to young growth. Mr. Orchard said. New uses are being found for Western hemlock, and some advance made in relation to the production of woods for pulp.

In so far as British Columbia is concerned, the regeneration of stumped land will remain one of the central problems of the future, it was intimated.

KIDDIES HELP HAMPER DRIVE

Tons of Foodstuffs Contributed as Result of Food Matinees at Theatres

More than 1,500 kiddies of Victoria yesterday did their part towards helping the Victoria Gyro Club in its Christmas hamper campaign. The youngsters paid several tons of foodstuffs of various kinds as admission to matinees held at the Capitol and Dominion Theatres.

The kiddies howled with glee as they watched Mickey Mouse cartoons, an Our Gang comedy and a thrilling Western picture. Outside Boy Scouts and Gyro volunteers were busy stacking up the boxes full of canned milk, fruit and other foods.

The tons of food were loaded onto big trucks and rushed to the Gyro warehouse, located on View Street, just east of Quadra, where E. M. Whyte, director of packing, added the loads to the twenty tons of supplies already on hand.

Among the most enthusiastic of those attending were the thirty children from the Protestant Orphanage, who were brought down to the theatre in a specially-donated Vancouver Island Coach Lines bus. They added their contributions to those already stacked at the depot.

The matinees were held through the courtesy of The Colonist, The Times, Famous Players (Canadian Corporation), the Vancouver Film Exchange and J. M. Robertson and C. E. Denham, managers. The staffs and projectionists of both theatres gave their services free.

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Military Activities



5th (B.C.) COAST BRIGADE, R.C.A.

Brigade Orders by Lieutenant-Colonel M. A. Kent, officer commanding 5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A.

Part I
Duties for Week Ending December 26, 1936—Orderly officer, 2nd-Lieutenant C. D. Jarvis-Read; next for duty, 2nd-Lieutenant R. W. Phipps; orderly sergeant, Lance-Sergeant A. M. Pickles; next for duty, Lance-Sergeant A. E. E.ffa.

Brigade Christmas Tree—The brigade Christmas tree and entertainment will be held in the men's mess on Saturday, December 26, 1936, at 14.30 hours. All members of the brigade and their families are invited.

Miniature Rifle Shoot—The officer commanding is pleased to announce that Sergeant H. N. A. Hatcher has been awarded the brigade championship for rifle shooting on the miniature rifle range.

The officer commanding takes this opportunity to wish all members of the brigade a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

H. C. BRAY (Captain), Adjutant, 5th (B.C.) Coast Brigade, R.C.A.

17th Fortress Company, R.C.A.

Orders for week ending December 22, 1936, by Captain J. H. McIntosh, commanding 17th Fortress Company, Royal Canadian Engineers (N.P.).

Part I
Parades—The parade for this week has been cancelled.

Duties—To be orderly sergeant for ensuing week, Staff-Sergeant J. Carter.

The officer commanding extends to all ranks his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

J. H. MCINTOSH (Captain), Officer Commanding 17th Fortress Company, R.C.E., Esquimalt, B.C.

1st BN. (16th C.F.E.) CANADIAN SCOTTISH REGIMENT

Battalion orders by Major H. M. McGivern, Acting Officer Commanding.

Part I
Orderly duties—Duties for week ending January 9, 1937, are as follows: Orderly officer, Lieut. J. M. Rockingham; next for duty, Lieut. J. C. McMillan; orderly sergeant, Sgt. R. C. Hall; next for duty, A. Sgt. E. P. Jackson. Orderly corporal, L.-Cpl. R. S. Dronfield; next for duty, L.-Cpl. D. P. W. McCabe. Orderly bugler, Bugler J. Drysdale; next for duty, Bugler W. E. Drysdale. Orderly drummer, Drummer J. C. McMillan; next for duty, L.-Cpl. H. Beekwith. Duty company, "A" Company. Next for duty, "B" Company.

Battalion Training Parade—Monday, January 4, 1937—All ranks will parade in company rooms at 19.55 hours. Dress, white shell with dined hose and white spurs. Those not in possession of white shell will wear service dress. Dress for officers, service dress. 20.00 hrs. to 20.10 hrs., roll call and completion of attendance rolls; 20.10 hrs. to 20.15 hrs., inspection by the Officer Commanding; 20.15 hrs. to 20.55 hrs., training under battalion arrangements; 21.00 to 21.40 hrs., training under battalion arrangements; 21.40 hrs., the battalion will fall-in for dismissal.

Recruits' Training—Recruits' training will be held during the week ending January 9, 1937, as follows: Monday, January 4, 1937, at 20.00 hrs. Dress, mufti. Thursday, January 7, 1937, at 20.00 hrs. Dress, mufti.

Physical Training—The voluntary class in physical training under Acting-Sgt. James will be resumed in the new year on Thursday, January 7, 1937, at 20.15 hrs.

Lapel Badge Awards—The Lapel Badge Awards Committee have been pleased to approve of the award of lapel badges to the following personnel of "B" Company: 12 A.-Sgt. E. Perry; 1680 L.-Cpl. R. S. Dronfield; 1626 Pte. J. T. Speedie; 1681 Pte. R. G. Johns; 1623 Bugler M. I. Magee; and 1673 Bugler E. M. Carter. The C.S.M. of "B" Company will arrange for the presentation of these badges.

Candidates for Royal Canadian Schools of Instruction, 1936-37—Attention is drawn to Battalion Orders No. 49, Part I, subhead No. 8, dated 10-12-36, in reference to applications to attend these schools. Other candidates will make application to the battalion orderly room for a list of subjects to study prior to attending either of these schools.

Part II
Attestation—The following recruit having been duly attested is taken on the strength and allotted regimental number as follows: 1744 Pte. R. E. Stevens with effect from 14-12-36.

Leave of Absence—The following N.C.O. and man have been granted leave as shown: 264 Sgt. R. B. Fox "Sigs." dated 4-1-37 to 4-2-37; 1686 Pte. G. H. March, "A" from 14-12-36 to 31-12-36.

Certificate—The following extract from Militia Order No. 488 of 1936 is published: "The following certificate is granted Lieut. L. A. G. Rounding, C. S. Regt., Cert. No. 80180, Grade 1, Visual Telegraphy, Advanced," dated 29-8-36, obtained at the Royal Canadian Schools of Signals, Camp Borden, Ontario."

Canadian Efficiency Medal Award—The following extract from General Order No. 127 of 1936 is published: "The undermentioned N.C.O. is awarded the Canadian Efficiency Medal under the provisions of the Royal Warrant dated September 23, 1930, and General Order No. 3 of 1932, No. 267 Q.M.B. W. G. Crossley, 1st Bn. Can. Scottish Regt."

The following N.C.O. is transferred to "C" Company 1411 Cpl. G. E. Knight, "Sigs." with effect from 14-12-36.

Struck Off Training Strength—The following are struck off the training strength: 1575 Pte. B. L. Brown, "A," with effect from 14-12-36; 1559 Pte. T. D. Carney, "A," with effect from 14-12-36; 1675 Pte. A. Rushford, "B," with effect from 17-12-36; 1580 Pte. E. E. Harris, "A," with effect from 17-12-36; 1631 Pte. G. A. Herriott, "D," with effect from 17-12-36; 1656 Bugler C. Dunaway, "A," with effect from 17-12-36.

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11th DIVISIONAL R.C.A.S.C. VICTORIA UNITS

Unit orders for the week ending December 26, 1936.

Both companies will parade at the Armories, Bay Street, Tuesday, December 22, at 20.30 hours for the presentation of prizes for the annual turkey shoot. Dress: Drill order.

It was regrettable that a better turnout was not obtained at this event. The results are appended. Possible score, 40. Driver Dobson, 40; Corporal Simpson, 40. Sergeant Sanders, 38. Driver Massey, 38; Staff-Sergeant Herriott, 37; Sergeant Flood, 37; Driver Millington, 36; C.S.M. Durick, 34; Sergeant Lowe, 31; Driver Dunham, 27; Driver Herriott, 22.

The commanding officer and officers wish to thank those men who have attended parades so regularly during the past year, and to express the hope that in the possibly difficult period of the reorganization to come the fullest co-operation may be obtained from all ranks. The Christmas and New Year's greetings and best wishes are sincerely extended to everyone.

E. HOUSLEY (Captain), For Officer Commanding

13th FIELD AMBULANCE R.C.A. M.C.

Orders by Captain G. C. Kennell, officer commanding

Part I
Parade—The next parade of the unit will be held on Tuesday, January 5, at 19.45 hours.

The undermentioned ranks may report at the Armories on Tuesday, December 22, at 20.00 hours to enter the final round of the competition. Privates Hawthornthwaite, Lambert, Collinson, Cookson, Bayliss, Newbigging, Fairhurst, McAlpine, Moyes.

Strength Increase—No. 77, J. H. Smethurst, attested and taken on strength with effect 15-12-36 and posted to "A" Company.

Strength Decrease—No. 74, Private R. H. Barnes, struck off strength at own request.

Promotion—The officer commanding has been pleased to approve the following promotions: To be acting-sergeant, Corporal R. E. Goddard, to be lance-corporal, Privates W. H. Wilson, W. P. Mullins, J. L. Newbigging, Bugler S. S. Amos.

The officer commanding desires to wish all ranks the compliments of the season, and to express his thanks for their co-operation during the past year.

C. A. WATSON, Captain and Acting-Adjutant, No. 13 Field Ambulance.

Vancouver Wheat
VANCOUVER DEC. 19 (C.P.)—Vancouver wheat cash prices:

WHEAT	1936-37	1935-36
No. 1 Hard	124 1/2	122 1/2
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Jameson's Tea—1-lb. pkt. 39c
Jameson's Coffee—1-lb. pkt. 32c
Shredded Wheat Biscuits—3 pkts. for 25c
Aylmer Tomatoes—2's. 25c
3 tins for 25c
Cream of Wheat—Large pkt. 21c
Quaker Puffed Wheat—2 pkts. for 15c
Ormond's Soda Biscuits—Large pkt. 18c
Libby's Happyvalle Pickles—Large jar 25c
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Horseshoe Salmon—1/2's. Per can 15c
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GETS TERM IN PENITENTIARY

Edward Sykes Sentenced to Two Years for Breaking And Entering

Edward Sykes was sentenced to spend two years in the penitentiary with hard labor by Police Magistrate H. C. Hall yesterday. The accused had pleaded guilty to having broken and entered the store of Vaughans Groceries Ltd., on the early morning of Friday, having been discovered on the street in possession of a large quantity of stolen goods by Constable John Howe.

Before sentence was passed upon the accused, C. I. Harrison, city

prosecutor, set forth the criminal record of the accused, which had been received by the police. This began with Carleton Place in Ontario in 1914. The record showed that he had been convicted following that in Saskatoon, Regina and other parts of the Dominion for vagrancy, theft and other crimes.

The accused asked the magistrate to read a recommendation for good behavior which he produced and which the court perused. In addition to this, Sykes offered the plea that he had been working for a woman on Denman Island all summer and that his present dilemma was due to drinking. He said that he did not know what he was doing. The magistrate declared he would take into account the recommendation and shorten the sentence to two years with hard labor.

Stout-faced "little boy" Can you tell me if you get through this gate to the park?

Little Boy—Guess so. A load of hay just went through.



Here Are Hints to Help You Choose Your

CHRISTMAS BOOKS

"MILD AND BITTER," by A. P. Herbert, while not about beer, the description fits the mood of this most miscellane-ous miscellany. \$2.00

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"NOT SO DEEP AS A WELL," by Dorothy Parker. Mrs. Parker has an eye for people and an ear for language. Reading her poetry is an intoxicating experience. \$2.75

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"AWAY FROM IT," by Cedric Belfrage—for the friend who likes the "Way of a Transgressor." \$3.00

"NORTH TO THE ORIENT," by Anne Morrow, is still going strong. \$2.75

"BETWEEN THE WARS," by Henry Wood Nevinnson. The author is without question one of the greatest journalists of our time. \$3.25

"FIRE OF LIFE," a previous book by Henry Wood Nevinnson, is priced at \$1.50

"THE COUNTRYMAN'S YEAR," by David Grayson—Day by day the author interprets the adventures to be found in the quiet and simple things of life. \$2.25

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"A SURGEON'S CHINA," by Albert Gervais, is now in the reprint edition at \$1.25

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—Books, Lower Main Floor



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Fancy Turkish Towels in jacquard weave—or plain with colored borders—or in solid colors. Ready for presentation in attractive gift boxes, or with cellophane wrapping and cheery ribbon ties. You are sure to find a gift to please from our vast assortment. Prices from

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Silk Ascot Ties in bias cut and shown in many beautiful colorings. Unusual values. 98c

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Any Size—Any Quality

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Oval Roasters, ivory and green enamel, \$1.25

and \$2.15

Oval Roasters, ivory and red stainless enamel, \$1.33 and \$1.98

Oval Roasters, ivory and black stainless enamel \$2.19 and \$2.89

Black Sheet Tray Round Roasters, 65c

and 75c

Black Sheet Iron Oval Roasters, 95c, \$1.10

and \$1.45

"Canadian Beauty" Black Sheet Iron Covered Roasters 68c

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Strings of Lights or Individual Pieces of Every Kind

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Flashers 15c

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Reflectors, set of 8, 15c and, each 20c

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BLOCKTECT—Wonder Blocks of wood. Instructive and interesting for boys and girls.

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CANADIENS WIDEN LEAD BY OVERTIME VICTORY

Queen of South Scores Surprise Win Over Celtic

Lowly First Division Eleven Blanks Last Season's Titleholders by 1-0 Score—Aberdeen Triumphs to Go Back on Top—Rangers Move Up—Hearts Win Eighth Straight

GLASGOW, Dec. 19.—Although Christmas is less than a week away, Queen of the South's supporters have already acknowledged their gift—a form-shaking victory over Celtic. It was a gala week-end at Dumbfries as the home-bred played spectacularly throughout and sent the Scottish Football League champions home a well-beaten team.

The win was all the more astonishing because in mid-week gossip the Celts were favored to win in a walk. Observers pointed to the Glasgow team's record—fifteen games without a defeat and only three points lost in draws. On the other hand, Queen of South was laboring near the bottom of the heap and not getting ahead very fast. It was the second shutout scored against Celtic this season. Dundee holding the team to a scoreless draw October 17.

While the Celts were taking their medicine at Dumbfries, Aberdeen was having a hard time with St. Mirren at Pittodrie. The Dons finally won, 3-1, and rocketed into a clear two-point lead at the top of the circuit. Hearts made no mistake against Arbroath, winning 4-1 for their eighth successive victory, while the Rangers attacked in line with a 3-0 triumph over Falkirk.

CELTIC GOES UNDER

Despite heavy ground at Dumbfries, the game was played at a lightning-like speed throughout. Queen of the South matched strides with the powerful visitors in the first half and started the second stanza with a clear sheet.

J. Delaney, Celtic back, was out of the game for the first five minutes of the second half on an injured leg. Fifteen minutes later Renwick slipped through the Celtic defense to score. Dumbfries' forwards stayed on the offensive and, but for the brilliant goalkeeping of Kennaway, would have won by a wider margin.

Aberdeen also encountered unexpected strength. Forster scored in the first ten minutes with honors even. The Dons then snatched a 3-2 first period margin and rammed home another before the Saints retaliated with two. Strains got his second goal for Aberdeen near the end to assure victory. Armstrong, Scott and Warlock were the other Aberdeen goalkeepers, while Black, Ferguson, Callan and Cunningham, from a penalty, were St. Mirren's marksmen.

All the scoring in the Rangers-Falkirk contest was in the first forty-five minutes. McPhail opened for the cupholders and Smith added a brace. Edinburgh's fast-stepping Hearts led 3-1 at halftime against Arbroath and netted once in the final chukker to win easily. Black led scorers with two, Walsh and Robson completing the rout. Cowan replied for the visitors.

THIRD LANARK WINS
Third Lanark reorganized its first line and the strategy "clicked," the Cathkin club winning its first game after four consecutive defeats. Entered by Albion Rovers, the Third hit their stride in the final half to score all their goals. Hay got three and Hart the final.

"Dundee shares the fifth rung of the championship ladder with Third Lanark. Playing at Perth, Dundee shared four goals with St. Johnstone in the first half, each scoring another after the interval. Costa, Baxter and Kirby netted for Dundee, McCull, Caskie and Costa dividing honors for the Saints.

Glasgow's famous amateurs, Queen's Park, obtained a 2-0 decision over Hibernian at Hampden Park, while Motherwell defeated Clyde, another Glasgow entry, 2-1. Queen's Park's cause was aided by Miller, who deflected the ball into his own goal. Russell got the other. Forster scored twice for Motherwell, Wilson reducing the margin.

Hamilton Academicals applied pressure in the second half against Partick Thistle to wipe out a first-half 1-0 lead and win 3-2. Monaghan and Cox netted for the Acadies, while McSpadyen and Calderwood counted for the Thistles.

PLAY TO DRAW
Dunfermline gained a much needed point at Kilmarnock, the team battling to a 3-3 draw. Henry and J. Robertson gave the Killies a 2-0 lead at halftime. Henry counting again in the second period. Holt, Reid and Smye booted in one each to give the visitors a fitting draw.

Ayr United still holds a five-point lead over St. Bernards at the top of the Second Division. Ayr eked out a 2-1 decision over Dundee United and the Saints defeated Montrose 3-1. Airdrieonians hold third position, one point in the rear after a close 3-2 verdict over Dumbarton.

Hamilton Academicals 3, Partick Thistle 2.
Hearts 4, Arbroath 1.
Kilmarnock 3, Dunfermline 3.
Queen of South 1, Celtic 0.
Rangers 3, Hibernians 0.
Rangers 3, Falkirk 0.
St. Johnstone 3, Dundee 3.

Second Division
Cowdenbeath 2, Edinburgh City 2.
Dumbarton 2, Airdrieonians 3.
Dundee United 1, Ayr United 2.
East Fife 7, Brechin City 0.
East Stirling 2, Alloa 2.
Leith Athletic 2, Forth Athletic 0.
Montrose 1, St. Bernards 3.
Morton 6, Kings Park 0.
Mortonhouse 2, Raith Rovers 7.

VANCOUVER GETS IN NEW LEAGUE

Mainland Gains Franchise in Minor Professional Baseball League Next Season

DURHAM N.C., Dec. 19.—A new baseball league was hung on the Christmas tree of the national association today when the Evergreen League qualified for the 1937 season and was added to the minor league roster.

Vancouver, B.C., Spokane, Yakima and Tacoma, in Washington, and Lewiston, Idaho, are definitely in as members of the circuit. The sixth franchise has been granted to P. B. Mitchell of Seattle and will be operated in Bellingham, Aberdeen or Olympia, Washington.

Shirley D. Parker, of Yakima, is president, and the league will carry a "Class C" rating. Addition of the circuit brings the membership of the minors to twenty-seven leagues.

IRISH FOOTBALL

BELFAST, Dec. 19.—Results of games played in the Irish Football League today follow:
Derry City 2, Linfield 1.
Belfast Celtic 4, Newry Town 1.
Larne 4, Glenrath 2.
Distillery 1, Portadown 3.
Bangor 2, Coleraine 1.
Cliftonville 4, Ards 2.
Glenavon 5, Ballymena 2.

THIRD LANARK WINS
Third Lanark reorganized its first line and the strategy "clicked," the Cathkin club winning its first game after four consecutive defeats. Entered by Albion Rovers, the Third hit their stride in the final half to score all their goals. Hay got three and Hart the final.

"Dundee shares the fifth rung of the championship ladder with Third Lanark. Playing at Perth, Dundee shared four goals with St. Johnstone in the first half, each scoring another after the interval. Costa, Baxter and Kirby netted for Dundee, McCull, Caskie and Costa dividing honors for the Saints.

Glasgow's famous amateurs, Queen's Park, obtained a 2-0 decision over Hibernian at Hampden Park, while Motherwell defeated Clyde, another Glasgow entry, 2-1. Queen's Park's cause was aided by Miller, who deflected the ball into his own goal. Russell got the other. Forster scored twice for Motherwell, Wilson reducing the margin.

Hamilton Academicals applied pressure in the second half against Partick Thistle to wipe out a first-half 1-0 lead and win 3-2. Monaghan and Cox netted for the Acadies, while McSpadyen and Calderwood counted for the Thistles.

PLAY TO DRAW
Dunfermline gained a much needed point at Kilmarnock, the team battling to a 3-3 draw. Henry and J. Robertson gave the Killies a 2-0 lead at halftime. Henry counting again in the second period. Holt, Reid and Smye booted in one each to give the visitors a fitting draw.

Ayr United still holds a five-point lead over St. Bernards at the top of the Second Division. Ayr eked out a 2-1 decision over Dundee United and the Saints defeated Montrose 3-1. Airdrieonians hold third position, one point in the rear after a close 3-2 verdict over Dumbarton.

OAK BAY BOYS HAND COLLEGE 8-0 SETBACK

Remain Undefeated in Intermediate Rugby—Barber And Gornall Go Over

HOW THEY STAND
Intermediate League
Wanderers 6 0 1 89 3 13
Canadian Scottish 3 2 1 38 42 7
Fifth Brigade 3 2 0 131 16 6
Victoria College 1 4 0 15 74 2
Navy 0 5 0 3 141 0

Yesterday's result: Oak Bay Wanderers 8, Victoria College 0.
Crossing the Victoria College line once in each half, Oak Bay Wanderers, undefeated leaders in the Intermediate Rugby League, yesterday blanked the Collegians, 8-0, in a rugged all ball exhibition at the Victoria High School ground. The winners led 5-0 at the interval.

Turning in a fighting exhibition, the blue and gold swatted tads from Craighdaroch held the Oak Bay fifteen scoreless until about midway through the initial stanza. Harry Barber garnered the first points for the winners, when he went over following a cleverly engineered backfield run. Jack Gornall had no difficulty converting from directly in front of the goal posts.

The second half was keenly fought with play moving up and down the field at a fast clip. Oak Bay Wanderers gained their final points when Bill Gornall crashed over the College line. The score resulted from a dribbling attack by the Oak Bay forwards. Gornall's kick from the hard angle failed. P. Suetnam refereed and the teams were.

Oak Bay Wanderers—McCabe, H. Brown, Goddard, Grogan, McGregor, Langton, Pearce, Page, G. Murdoch, Barber, Murdoch, Stewart, Murray, B. Brown and Dumes.
Victoria College—Stewart, M. Poyntz, White, Ward, Miller, Cox, Uneda, Boyd, Lanning, M. Poyntz, Brown, Hudson, Moore, McLaughlin and Takahashi.

Hacks Get Palangio

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Chicago Black Hawks today purchased Pete Palangio, star wingman with St. Louis Flyers, in an effort to bolster the strength of the team, which has won only one game in thirteen in the National Hockey League this season.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

By Ripley

WHAT IS $\frac{3}{4}$ CHICKEN $\frac{2}{3}$ CAT AND $\frac{1}{2}$ GOAT?
ANSWER—
CHICAGO

A HORSE NAMED SIX BELLS IN THE SIXTH RACE WON BY SIX LENGTHS AND PAID 6 DOLLARS
FAIR GROUND, LOUISIANA

"Gopher" MOSER—OF BUCKEYE, ARIZ.
DUG A WELL 347 FEET DEEP BY HAND ALONE!
THE WELL WAS $\frac{3}{4}$ FT. IN DIAMETER. MOSER USED NO ASSISTANTS—AND ACCOMPLISHED THIS FEAT IN 2 YRS.!

EXPLANATION FOR YESTERDAY'S RIPLEY CARTOON
ALL YESTERDAY'S ITEMS SELF-EXPLANATORY
Please address all queries to Cartoonist Ripley, c/o King Features, New York City, N.Y.

First Division
Aberdeen 5, St. Mirren 4.
Aberdon Rovers 0, Third Lanark 4.
Clyde 1, Motherwell 2.

Woman Track Star Turns to Water



Having garnered a sizeable grove of laurels on the cinder track and with the 100-metre world's championship all her own, Helen Stephens, of Fulton, Mo., point-winner for Uncle Sam in the Olympics, turns to seek new laurels in the water. She is shown in a New York pool as she churned up the water with a snappy free style stroke. Helen is training for swim meets this winter. She will make her home in New York after graduating from college in Fulton, Missouri, in March.

Oarsmen and Navy Play to Deadlock In Senior Tussle

J.B.A.A. Scores Late in Game to Avert Defeat at Hands of Sailors—Final Score Is Three-All—Dallin and Burns Score

Opening their bids for the second half championship of the Barnard Cup series, J.B.A.A. and the Navy oar club fifteen yesterday battled to a 3-3 draw in a keenly fought tussle at Admirals Road.

All of the scoring was done in the final session. Seventeen minutes after the resumption of play in the last half, the sailor forwards, after three successive line scrums, pushed their way over and Dallin fell on the loose ball for their only try.

Oarsmen perked up after this score and threatened many times, only to be turned back by a stubborn Navy defence that was sound and safe. However, in the dying moments of the fixture the Navy saved themselves from certain defeat when they punched a hole in the opposing squad's last line and went over for the equalizer. Burns, in a mad scramble for possession of the leather, scored the points.

SLIPPERY FIELD

Played on a slippery field and with a ball that soon became greasy and somewhat difficult to handle, the game failed to produce any brilliant Rugby. However, the keenness with which the game was contested provided considerable excitement for the small gathering of fans.

SCORE LATE IN GAME
Bays took the upper hand after successfully repulsing the fighting sailors and were really dangerous, but their fiery attack was halted in the dying moments of the fixture. Oarsmen saved themselves from certain defeat when Burns fell on the loose ball well over the sailor line.

Ken Buxton, right wing three-quarter, took Stipe's pass and pointed for the flag. The ball stayed in play and when Bruce Robinson tried to touch it down it proved too greasy to hold. Burns hustling Bay forward, was right in the thick of the play and in the subsequent scramble for possession, managed to gain the equalizing try. K. C. Symons refereed, and the teams were.

J.B.A.A. Melhies, Buxton, Stipe, Brown, Gaunt, Hackett, Langdon, Painter, Pettit, Mar, Runtz, Tobin, Burns, Simpson and Usher. Navy: Robinson, Hall, Sweet, Paul, Hibbert, Freeman, Smith, Barker, Fraser, Rutherford, Bennett, McCabe, Dallin, Corbin and Sinclair.

George Von Elm Remains in Lead

GLENDALF, Calif., Dec. 19.—George von Elm, of Hollywood, Calif., clipping a pair of strikes off par for a 70 in the third round of play, remained in the lead today in the \$1,500 Southern California Open Golf Tournament at the Oakmont Country Club.

The former national champion handed in a fifty-four-hole card of 69-68-70—207 after eighteen holes today and will go into tomorrow's final with a four-stroke advantage over his nearest rival, Olin Dutra, Los Angeles pro.

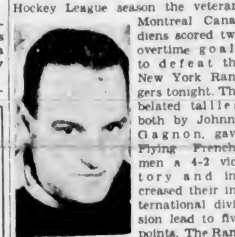
Lieutenant "Ken" Rogers of the United States Air Corps turned in another sparkling round when he shot a 71 for a total score of 212.

Soccer Activities
A special meeting and workout for members of the first and second divisions of the Saanich Thistles soccer teams will be held at the George tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All players are requested to attend.

VETERAN FRENCHMEN TURN BACK RANGERS AFTER EXTRA CANTO

Pete Lepine and Johnny Gagnon Lead Montrealers to 4-2 Victory Over Lester Patrick's Team—Toronto Leafs Defeat Amerks to Move Up Ladder in Canadian Section

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—For the second time in the current National Hockey League season the veteran Montreal Canadiens scored two overtime goals to defeat the New York Rangers tonight. The victory, which was a 4-2 final score, was achieved after an extra period of play.



AUREL JOLIA
Detroit Red Wings for first place in the American group.

All four Canadian goals came on perfectly executed three-man plays. The grey-haired veteran, Pete Lepine, scored the first two in the opening period, the Rangers tied the count with a brace of second period goals and Gagnon and the other oldsters, Howe, Morenz and Aurel Joliat, thrilled the crowd of close to 7,000 when they scored in thirteen seconds of overtime play and added another goal in less than four minutes.

Line-Ups
Rangers: Goal—Hainworth; Coulter—Defence—Buswell, Heller—Defence—Seibert, Watson—Centre—Morenz, Murdock—Wing—Gagnon, Keating—Wing—Joliat.
New York Spares—Pratt, Shotton, Shibeck, N. Colville, Boucher, Dillon, Cooper, M. Colville, Patrick, Montreal Spares—McKenzie, Miller, Lepine—R. Mantha, Deslats, Haynes, Lorrain, McCall, Blake, Officials—Bill Stewart, Mitchell.

Summary
First Period—1, Montreal, Lepine (Mantha, Deslats), 13:35, 2 Montreal, Lepine (Deslats, Seibert), 14:00. Penalties: None.

Second Period—3, New York B. Keating (Watson), 12:19, 4, New York, Dillon (Boucher, Patrick), 16:16. Penalties: None.

Third Period—No scoring. Penalties: Shibeck.
Overtime Period—5, Montreal, Gagnon (Morenz, Joliat), 13:40, Montreal, Gagnon (Morenz, Joliat), 3:40. Penalties: Morenz, Watson.

LEAFS TRIM AMERKS
TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Toronto Maple Leafs handed New York Americans their fourth straight defeat tonight, 3 to 1, and went into the Montreal Maroons' and the Idaho Stars' matches for second place in the National Hockey League's International Division. These three trail the Montreal-Canadiens by five points.

The wide-open game which brought the Leafs their second triumph over the Amerks proved pleasing to 12,770 fans. The players crashed into each other and mixed plenty of rough play with a lot of good hockey to provide one of the most diverting clashes of the season.

Line-Ups
Americans: Position Toronto. Warters—Goal—Broda. Shields—Defence—Brodie, Murray—Defence—Fowler, Chapman—Centre—Shill, Schriner—Wing—Kelly, Carr—Wing—Kelly.

New York spares: Doran, Kalbfleisch, Cotton, Lamb, Klein, Anderson, Wiseman, Oliver, Emma. Toronto spares: Day, Hamilton, Appa, Jackson, Drillon, Finnigan, Thoms, Davidson, Jarvie. Officials: Mickey Ion and Clarence Campbell.

Summary
First Period—1, Toronto, Day (Thoms), 17:47. Penalties: Kalbfleisch.
Second Period—2, Toronto, Drillon.

Victoria "Rep" Soccer Team Named; Leggett and Roper Chosen

THE selection committee appointed by the Victoria and District Football League went into a huddle yesterday afternoon and picked the "rep" squad which will face St. Andrews in an inter-city match next Saturday afternoon at the Royal Athletic Park at 2:45. The squad will tackle the Wednesday League All-Stars on New Year's Day in the second match of the Anscomb Cup series. Here's the team as selected: Louis De Costa, Esquimalt, goal; George Leggett, Thistles, and John Roper, City, backs; Lorandini, West, Barnes, (captain), Wests, and Glen Robbins, City, halves; Gordie Bell, Alex Stewart, John Watt, Noel Morgan, all Victoria Wests, and George Payne, City, forwards; substitutes, Sammy Essler, Ronnie Williams, "Scotty" Robinson and Wally Rowe, spare goalie. Ed Whyte will manage the team.

Wanted: Parrot must be healthy, green talker preferred. Advertisement in an Evening Paper. Anything blue is barred.

WILLOWS CLUB BEATS DUNCAN

Registers 9-7 Triumph in Badminton Fixture Played on Home Courts

Breaking even in the men's and mixed doubles and winning three of the four women's matches, WilloWS defeated visiting Duncan players, 9-7, in a Lower Vancouver Island Badminton League, first division fixture, played on their home courts.

In only three of the sixteen matches were extra sets needed to decide the winners. Misses M. Hughes and G. McCall, of the home club, defeated Misses U. Norie and N. Blythe, Duncan, after dropping the first set. The scores were 15-18, 15-12, 15-12.

E. Leney and J. Parker, visiting netters, took the measure of Ted Simmons and Reg Corfield in another extra-set fixture. The Up-Islanders lost the initial set, 14-17, and then came back with 15-17, 15-11 scores in the deciding games.

In the mixed doubles, Miss D. Owen and R. Bone rallied after losing the first set to Miss D. Morley and Ted Simmons, of the home club, and finally registered a close triumph. The scores were 13-18, 18-13, 18-13.

Scores, with the home players first named, follow:

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
Misses M. Hughes and G. McCall won from Misses U. Norie and N. Blythe, 15-18, 15-12, 15-12.
Misses M. Hughes and G. McCall won from Misses D. Owen and F. Staples, 15-8, 15-10.

Misses D. Morley and P. MacDonald won from Misses D. Owen and F. Staples, 15-5, 15-2.

Misses D. Morley and P. MacDonald lost to Misses U. Norie and N. Blythe, 15-8, 15-7.

Miss M. Hughes and Bagley lost to Miss N. Blythe and Parker, 5-13, 13-18.

Miss M. Hughes and Bagley lost to Miss U. Norie and Leney, 7-15, 15-10.

R. Bagley and D. Davis won from A. Drom and R. Bone, 15-7, 15-7.

R. Bagley and D. Davis won from E. Leney and J. Parker, 15-12, 15-8.

MIXED DOUBLES
Miss G. McCall and Corfield lost to Miss U. Norie and Leney, 7-15, 15-10.

Miss G. McCall and Corfield won from Miss N. Blythe and Parker, 15-6, 15-7.

Miss M. Hughes and Bagley lost to Miss N. Blythe and Parker, 5-13, 13-18.

Miss M. Hughes and Bagley lost to Miss U. Norie and Leney, 7-15, 15-10.

Miss P. MacDonald and Davis won from Miss F. Staples and Drom, 15-5, 15-1.

Miss D. Morley and Simmons won from Miss F. Staples and Drom, 15-5, 15-7.

Miss D. Morley and Simmons lost to Miss D. Owen and Bone, 18-13, 13-18.

Victoria Fifteen to Face King George High School Team

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—A Victoria schoolboy representative Rugby team will meet King George High School's squad here December 28 in the first game of the Vancouver Schoolboy Rugby Week. A. B. Carey, president of the British Columbia Rugby Union, announced today.

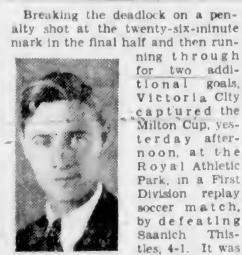
The second match of the week will see King George playing Vancouver Rep, and the following day Victoria and Vancouver Rep teams will tangle in the third game.

The winner of the first three games will play a team picked from the other two squads in the final game on New Year's Day.

VICTORIA CITY CAPTURES CUP-TIE MATCH, 4-1

Three Markers in Final Half Gives Redshirts Victory

Joe Bloom's Eleven Finally Wins Trophy in Second Replay by Downing Saanich Thistles, 4-1—Payne, Brandow, Peers and Roper Score—The Latter Nets Penalty Shot



TERRY PEERS

Breaking the deadlock on a penalty shot at the twenty-six-minute mark in the final half and then through for two additional goals, Victoria City captured the Milon Cup, yesterday afternoon, at the Royal Athletic Park, in a First Division replay soccer match, by defeating Saanich Thistles, 4-1. It was the third time the teams met in the final of the trophy.

The first match ended in a three-all draw after an extra half-hour of overtime, and then the second argument finished up the same way after ninety minutes of tough going on a muddy field and in a heavy downpour. Yesterday the teams fought on even terms until Saanich crumpled after the City took the lead from the awarded spot kick. The Thistles quickly became disorganized and the City, passing up two opportunities after breaking the tie, faced through for two more tallies, which decided the cupholders for this season.

SCORE WAS TIED
For seventy minutes the teams battled with the count knotted at one-all. Then the "break" came, Harper handled in the restricted ground and John Roper, husky back, rifled a terrific shot past Chalmers to give the City the lead. Brandow split the Thistles' defence seconds later and scored to make it 2-1, and Terry Peers broke through, tricked Harper, and slipped the leather past the Saanich goalie for the final goal. Saanich fought back, but they were far from the team which was trying desperately for victory earlier in the half.

Play opened slowly and neither goals were subjected to any dangerous raids. Rowe scooped up a loose ball following Moody's mis-kick, but he didn't have to clear, as a foul was called on a Thistle forward. Saanich then forced two corners, the second being sent wide by Stoffer. At the other end the City earned their first flag kick, which Halkett sent into the goalmouth, but Moore missed a Thistle chance with the ball at his toe. The City stayed on the attack, and Brandow had a great opportunity, but he shot wide, with Chalmers staring him in the face.

Still pressing hard, the City was awarded four corners in succession, but nothing happened. Chalmers then made a fine save from Terry Peers, pushing the ball over the bar. After thirty minutes the City scored when George Payne headed in from Halkett's lovely cross to the goalmouth. The Saanich goalie made another great stop from Halkett minutes later. One of the City forwards got the rebound and the ball bounced in the air and was heading for the top corner of the net when Harper came from nowhere and headed clear. Joe Moore then came into the game, replacing "Nip" Saxe at centre forward. Not long before the half ended the City scored again, but it was disallowed, as a foul was whistled just previous to the shot.

CHANCE IS MADE
Saanich made another scratch as the final half started. Myles came into the game at left wing in place of English. The Thistles raided desperately in the early minutes, but scoring was not on the menu. Then the City took up the attack and Brandow lost possession right in front of the net. Back came the winners, and Chalmers kicked clear a dangerous cross from the left line. During another City offensive Chalmers was hurt, and the game halted until the goalie recovered.

With time rapidly going, the Thistles, led by Leggett, Spiller, Roper and Williams turned on the pressure, but their efforts were turned back by a hard-kicking half-line and two brilliant backs, Roper and Moody. Myles got in a fine rising shot, but Rowe slapped it around the post for a corner. The suburban eleven continued to have a big edge but they couldn't penetrate that City defence deep enough to score.

The City changed their front line as the game continued. Youson, who recently joined the benedicti, came on in place of Eddie Moore. Never giving up hopes of tying the score, the Thistles finally got home the equalizer. George Leggett, who seemed to improve every time out, worked through from near mid-field, gave the ball to Joe Crowe, and the husky centre slipped it past Goalie Rowe as he came out to meet him.

PENALTY CONVERTED
However, the score did not remain deadlocked very long, for, during one of the City rushes, Harper handled and Roper smashed a terrific penalty shot past Chalmers. Seconds later, Brandow raced through the Saanich backs all by himself following Glen Robbins' long kick and scored with a left-footer to the corner. Appearing disorganized now, the Thistles were outplayed for the remaining minutes. Terry Peers made victory more certain when he took Brandow's overhead kick, beat Wes Harper, and then flicked the leather past the goalkeeper. Just before the finish, Halkett missed an open net when he hit George Payne's rebound off the crossbar first time, but the ball skidded by the upright. "Scotty" Dowds refereed and teams follow:

SCORE WAS TIED
Victoria City—Rowe, Moody, Roper, C. Robbins, G. Robbins, Reside, Halkett, Peers, Brandow, Moore, G. Payne and Youson.
Saanich Thistles—Chalmers, Essler, Harper, Williams, Leggett, Spiller, Stoffer, McLean, Sage, Gent, English, Crowe and Myles.

WESTMINSTER DEFEATED BY NORTH SHORE
Canadian Soccer Champions Blanked by United in Inter-City League

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19.—North Shore United climbed back into the lead of the Inter-City Soccer League today, one point above Nanaimo City, as they blanked the West- minster Royals, 3-0, on a rain-soaked field at Con Jones Park.

The Northshores were scheduled to meet St. Saviours here next Friday, Christmas Day.

Starting ten minutes late, Royals could muster but ten men and only a few of these were recognizable as the team that only a few months ago won the Dominion championship. North Shore, on the other hand, were aggressive despite the absence of Kowalenko, who came on at half-time, and their line worked exceptionally well.

North Shore worked feverishly around Royals' citadel for the first few minutes and the first goal came at the ten-minute mark when Wardlaw picked up a loose ball from a mix-up and rapped it past the helpless Blesitt.

UNITED PRESSES
Continuing their pressure, the Northshores had Royals' defence packed in their own area with only the occasional flurry of opposition. Drake booted in the second North Shore tally on a free kick which looked as if it might sail over the bar but "went into the top corner instead, with Blesitt standing still.

The final counter came in the second half as Manager of Royals mis-kicked to Young of North Shore. The latter closed in and placed the sphere perfectly past Blesitt.

THE TEAMS:
North Shore—Rabbitt, McGill, Harrison, McQueen, Wardlaw and Drake; Young, Robinson, Christopher, Spencer, Christie, Spore, Kowalenko.

Royals—Blewitt, Thompson, Manager, McPherson, Harvey, Wheeler, Spierlock, Musgrave, Coulter, Turner, Jeworsky.

Rugby Fixtures In Old Country
LONDON, Dec. 19.—Results of games played in the English Rugby League today follow:

Barrow 18, Widnes 5.
Bradford Northern 6, Wakefield Trinity 3.
Bramley 0, Castleford 16.
Broughton Rangers 5, Wigan 42.
Dewsbury 8, Stretfordham and Middlesbrough 15.
Featherstone 3, Hull Kingston 71.
Halifax 9, Warrington 26.
Hull 17, Keighley 5.
Leeds 9, Huddersfield 6.
Liverpool Stanley 15, Oldham 9.
Liverpool 17, City of Hospital 3.
Llanelli 14, Pontypool 3.
Northampton 9, Watford 5.
Pill Harriers 3, Cross Keys 3.
Preston North End 15, Bristol 3.
Edinburgh Academicals 0, Glasgow Academicals 3.
Watsonians 4, West of Scotland 0.

SCOTTISH TRIAL
Scotland 37, The Rest 15 (at Galashiels).

Cowichan Rugger Play Navy Today
Cowichan Rugby Club and the Navy will play an exhibition fixture this afternoon at Admirals Road. The fixture will commence at 2:30 o'clock.

In the five-game series for the Times Cup, symbolic of the senior "B" title, the Up-Islanders noosed the sailors after an interesting series.

PLAY TO DRAW
OAKLAND, Dec. 19.—The Vancouver Lions and Oakland settled tonight's hockey game with a 2 to 2 tie in one of the most exciting games the Pacific Coast League has seen this season.

Neither team was able to score in the unpredictable overtime period, during which the game went completely out of control of the referee and judge of play.

The Oakland Clippers playing one of the finest games this season got two goals in quick order in the first period, while holding Vancouver scoreless.

NEW YORK DEC 19 1936—Kid Chocolate, of Cuba, former world featherweight champion, who is making a comeback effort, flashed some of his old-time form to defeat Johnny Erickson, of New York, in the feature eight-round bout at the Rockland Palace tonight. Chocolate weighed 128 1-2 and Erickson 131.

Local Sport Results At a Glance

FOOTBALL
Second Division (Peden Cup)
Esquimalt 6, Saanich Thistles 2.
Victoria West 4, Coopers 3 (overtime).

First Division
(Milton Cup Final)
Victoria City 4, Saanich Thistles 1.

RUGBY
Senior League
J.B.A.A. 3, Navy 3.

Intermediate League
Oak Bay Wanderers 8, Victoria College 0.

WRESTLING
Vic Christy, Hollywood, defeated "Bull" Martin, Trenton, two falls to one.

Les Grimes, Portland, won in straight falls over Bobby Stewart, Alabama. (Stewart walked out of the ring after second round.)

"Pat" Griffin, Victoria, and Johnny Peers, Victoria, grappled to a one-fall draw.

Mohan Singh, Victoria, defeated "Legs" Hay, Victoria, straight falls. (Hay refused to continue in third round.)

Other champions:
Light-heavyweight—John Henry Lewis.

Middleweight—Freddie Steele, Tacoma.
Welterweight—Barney Ross, Chicago.
Lightweight—Low Ambers, Herkimer, N.Y.
Featherweight—Pete Serron, Washington, D.C.
Bantamweight—Sixto Escobar, Puerto Rico.
Flyweight—Small Montana, Manila.

CARPET BOWLING
Results of recent matches in the Capital City and District Carpet Bowling League are as follows:
A.O.F. Sherwood 14, A.O.F. Beadles 20.
A.O.F. Robin Hood 20, Lake Hill Badgers 14.
Lake Hill Badgers 28, A.O.F. Ringers 17.
Esquimalt Rovers 25, A.O.F. Friars 15.
Willows Strollers 23, Willows Ringers 14.
A.O.F. Robin Hood 16, A.O.F. Ringers 10.
Willows Ringers 13, A.O.F. Friars 16.
A.O.F. Friars 18, Lake Hill Badgers 15.

Mrs. Sharp—If I had my life to live over again—
Mr. Sharp—I thought that's what you were doing; I heard you say to Mrs. Tart at the whist drive the other night you were only twenty-four.

RATINGS FOR BOXERS GIVEN
Schmeling Ranked Behind Braddock—Joe Louis Given Third Place

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The National Boxing Association today ranked Max Schmeling behind Champion James J. Braddock and in front of Joe Louis, the negro sensation, in its ratings for the last quarter of 1936.

For the first time ten fighters were ranked behind the champion. Previously the champion has been No. 1 with nine others following him. Rankings are made four times a year.

The heavyweight rankings: Champion, James J. Braddock, Union City, N.J.; 1, Max Schmeling, Germany; 2, Joe Louis, Detroit; 3, Jack Trammell, Youngstown, O.; 4, Al Ettore, Philadelphia; 5, Leroy Haynes, Philadelphia; 6, Bob Pastor, New York; 7, Arturo Godot, Chile; 8, Sonny Walker, Phoenix, Ariz.; 9, Al McCoy, Dorchester, Mass.; 10, Tony Galento, Newark, N.J.

Other champions:
Light-heavyweight—John Henry Lewis.

Pennant-Winning Giants Were Weak With the Bat
New York Club Disappointing at the Plate in Last Campaign Although They Won Flag—Joe Medwick Had Great Season

By SID FEDER
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—For a pennant-winning ball club, New York Giants looked woefully weak up there at the plate through the 1936 season, according to the official National League batting records, released today.

Putting the official okay on Paul Waner's individual hitting championship and an assortment of new league records headed by Chuck Klein's four homers in one game, the averages show the Giants largely outclassed when it came to wielding the big stick.

St. Louis' Ducky Medwick in particular, and the Pittsburgh Pirates' pounders, in general, held a corner on the individual clouting market for the year. The Giants had to be content with Mel Ott's tenth place in the batting list as their pacesetter, his home-run leadership, and Jo Jo Moore's edge in one-base hits.

Along with Medwick and Klein, new league records were accomplished by Gus Suhr and Woody Jensen, of the Pirates, and a trio of Boston Bees—Gene Moore, Baxter Jordan and Tony Cucinello.

Suhr, playing in 156 games, boosted his consecutive game record to 784, continuing the appearance streak he started September 11, 1931. Jensen posted a new record for times at bat, stepping to the plate 696 times during the season.

MODERN RECORD
Klein's four homers in one game on July 10 against Pittsburgh gave the Philadelphia slugger one modern record, and equalled another—that for extra bases on long hits in one game.

For the Cardinals, in addition to Medwick's three-crown winning accomplishments, the aging but still spry Pepper Martin came up with the "time-in-his-specialty" stealing bases. He pilfered twenty-three of them.

The Pirates had two titles—Waner's in batting and Arky Vaughan's in runs scored, with 122. Jo Jo Moore's 160 singles led that department to give the Giants two crowns. Cincinnati took a championship when Ival Goodman reclaimed the triple-hitting title, with fourteen.

An inspector, while examining a class in school one day, asked "Who drove the Israelites out of Egypt? You?" he said, pointing to a small boy in the corner.

"No, sir, 'twasn't me," replied the boy, trembling. "I only came back from the country last week."



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Socks	.75 to 2.50
Ties	1.00 to 3.00
Belts	1.00 to 4.50
Scarves	1.00 to 7.50
Gloves	1.00 to 9.00
Shirts	2.00 to 7.50
Shirt and Tie Sets	from 3.00
Spats	from 1.50
Tie and Kerchief Sets	from 3.50
Pyjamas	2.50 to 15.00
Slippers	2.25 to 7.50
Umbrellas	2.50 to 10.00
Sweaters	3.00 to 15.00
Golf Hose to harmonize with the Sweater you choose	1.50 to 6.00
Dress Vests	from 5.00
Hats	3.50 to 12.00
Motor Rugs	6.50 to 40.00
Smoking Jackets	7.50 to 22.50
Gabardine Golf Jackets	8.50 to 15.00
Lightweights and Silk Dressing Gowns	from 7.50
Wool Gowns	from 10.00
Suede and Leather Jackets (some sleeveless)	10.00 to 20.00

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Tuxedo and Full Dress Suits	
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Dark Shoes	
Sports Jackets and Elnanel Trousers	

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Dressing Cases	\$25.00
Ladies' Leather Toilet Cases	4.50 to 7.50
Cases	
Riding Jackets, Breeches and Jodhpurs	13.50 to 30.00
Raincoats	25 to 125
Handkerchiefs	.25 to 1.25
Scarves	.75 to 6.00
Gloves	1.00 to 9.00
Slippers, Jaeger	2.25 to 4.00
Sweaters	3.75 to 15.00
Leather and Suede Jackets	10.50 to 25.00
Golf Jackets, Rainproof	9.00 to 12.50
Suits, Tweed and Knitted	25.00 to 40.00
Overcoats	from 25.00
Sports Hats	3.50 to 8.50
Scotch Novelties	
Silk Shirts	4.50 to 7.50
Handbags	5.00 to 10.00

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SUNDERLAND BACK ON TOP OF FIRST DIVISION

Champions Regain Premier Berth by Gaining Lucky Win

Last Season's Winners Nose Out Leeds United by 2-1 Score—Charlton Athletic Loses to Bolton by Similar Count—Arsenal Trounces Chelsea—Blackpool Takes Lead

LONDON, Dec. 19.—One of the tightest struggles in years is being waged for the English Football League championship as the teams prepare for the heavy Christmas and New Year's programme. Failure of the two leading teams today and victories for their nearest rivals resulted in a shuffling of the standings with only one point separating the first five clubs.

Sunderland jumped to the top with a lucky 2-1 decision over Leeds United at Boker Park, while Charlton Athletic, pace-setter a week ago, lost by a similar score at Bolton and Derby County lost at home to Middlesbrough, 2-0. Today, Arsenal, Brentford, Middlesbrough and Charlton are bunched in second place with twenty-three points.

After bad weather during the past

two week-ends, conditions improved considerably, and 576,000 persons watched the games in the various divisions of the league.

It was a day for sharpshooters, in this respect Best, of Hull City, being outstanding. The City defeated Tranmere Rovers, 5-2, in a Third Division, Northern Section contest. Best scoring four of his team's goals. Three goals each were netted by Riley, Bournemouth; Cookson, Swindon Town; Allen, Northampton, Hill, Stockport County and Burgen, Wrexham, all Third Division clubs.

EXCHANGE PLAYERS

Huddersfield Town, English First Division squad, and Motherwell, a senior Scottish team, figured in an exchange of players. McFadyen joined the English team in exchange for Ogilvie and his inclusion in the

Town's attack gave it more ginger than hitherto. Huddersfield walked off Liverpool, 4-0, McFadyen notching one of the counters.

Sunderland retained its unbeaten home record in regaining the league leadership, but it was a Bolton Wanderers' player who sent his team down to defeat. McDougal headed through his own goal.

Arsenal goes into second place by virtue of a superior goal average. Fifty-five thousand spectators saw the gunners trounce Chelsea at Highbury. Tempters were frayed throughout the match and the referee had a hard time holding the players in check.

The teams fought on level terms in the first forty-five minutes. Oakton tallied for the pensioners and Drake equalized just before the interval.

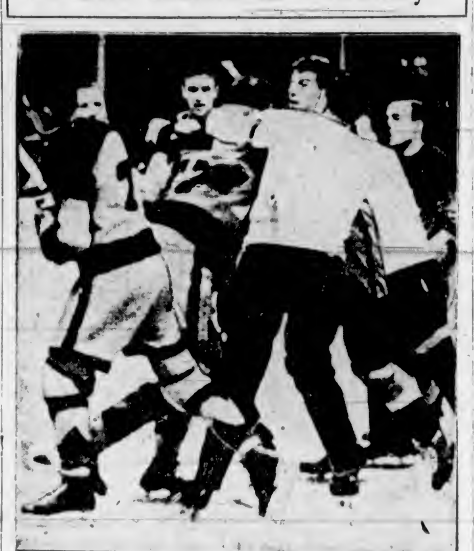
James inspired the Arsenal forwards in the second half, cleverly weaving his way through the defence and plying his colleagues with passes. Davidson scored from one and Kirchner got the other two goals on his own account.

CHARLTON BEATEN

Charlton Athletic lost to Bolton Wanderers through a goal scored by Westwood, the Lancashire club's international inside forward, a few minutes after the interval. The teams each scored once in the first half. The Londoners were lucky that the score against them was not heavier. Milom missing two penalties.

After six successive victories with an unchanged line-up, Manchester City slumped badly at Sheffield,

Fistic Battle in Hockey



This National Hockey League game brought together Chicago Black Hawks and New York Rangers on New York ice, and it also produced, along with some thrilling hockey, this player altercation. Art Coulter, of Rangers, and Earl Seibert, of Hawks, who incidentally figured in an even-Stephen swap last year, started the fireworks after crashing together in a hard checking duel. They came up swinging, and their mates joined in the fun. Seibert and Coulter both took penalties for their fracas, which left it a tie. So was the final score.

Hammond's Big Score Continues To Mount in Test

Sensational Double-Century by Gloucestershire Batsman Seals England's Total to 426 Runs For Six Wickets—Hammond Runs Score To 231—15,000 Fans in Attendance

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 20.—Aided by Wally Hammond's dazzling double century, England has assumed a commanding position in the second test cricket match against Australia. When rain brought play to an early close shortly after the tea interval on Saturday, the Gloucestershire player being unbeaten with 231.

Batting in his usual polished style, Hammond gave a faultless display until he reached the 200 mark. At this stage he slowed down considerably, and the spectators, usually highly appreciative of his ability, became annoyed at the slow rate of scoring and barracked the Englishman.

Tired after nearly two full days at the wickets, Hammond gave two chances when his total had reached 215. He sent two hard returns to Frank Ward, South Australian googly bowler, but the youngsters failed to hold them. Most of Hammond's scoring strokes were drives and square cuts. He was at the wickets nearly seven hours, hitting twenty-seven fours.

Forty-five thousand spectators watched England's batsmen play with the tourists' total at 279 for three wickets. The fourth wicket fell at 351, Leslie Ames, Kent wicket-keeper, being dismissed after making 29 runs.

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GIANT KILLER TRIUMPHS IN \$5,000 RACE

First in Closing Feature Event at Bay Meadows—Below Zero Second

SAN MATEO, Cal., Dec. 19.—Giant Killer, three-year-old colt from the Milledale Stable, galloped off with the \$5,000 added Au Revoir Handicap, mile and one-sixteenth, closing feature race today at Bay Meadows track.

The time, made on a heavy track, was 1:47. Below Zero ran second and Waterplash was third in the race which ended the twenty-five-day Fall meeting. The victory was worth \$4250 to Giant Killer.

Giant Killer paid \$680, \$440 and \$1280 and \$760 and Waterplash with \$650.

FOURTH RACE—Mile and one-sixteenth.
Crisal Image (Thompson) 15:40 12:40 13:00
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FIFTH RACE—Seven and one-half furlongs.
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SIXTH RACE—Mile and one-sixteenth.
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SEVENTH RACE—Mile and one-sixteenth.
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EIGHTH RACE—Two miles and one-half.
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NINTH RACE—Two miles and one-half.
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TENTH RACE—Two miles and one-half.
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Remember When
(Twenty-Five Years Ago)
The line-up of Victoria Rugby players to clash with the University of California at Oak Bay next week in a series of three games for the championship of the Pacific Coast will likely be tentatively decided upon at a meeting of the club executive today. The Southerners will arrive on Friday, and open against the

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Plays and Players

Hilarious Play Stars Six Leading Comedians

Six comedy headliners of the stage and screen who have provided top-notch hilarity in recent films are united in the merry-making cast of the Dominion Theatre attraction, "Smartest Girl in Town."

The sextette includes Gene Raymond and Ann Sothern in the co-

starring roles, with Helen Broderick, Eric Blore, Erik Rhodes and Harry Jans in the cast of this RKO Radio romantic comedy hit.

"Smartest Girl in Town" is a fast-moving romance of a millionaire masquerading as an impecunious photographer's model to be able to concentrate his affections on a beautiful lens mannequin and learn if she loves him for himself or his money. Their romance assumes a madcap—and highly amusing—proportions when the mannequin, shaping her judgment by the misfortunes of her married sister, has determined to wed a wealthy man, but is ignorant of the fact that her suitor is a millionaire himself! Then the moneyed playboy undertakes a daring campaign involving intrigue, pretence and high-jinks. Joseph Santley directed "Smartest Girl in Town," an RKO Radio Picture.

Reignald: "But I asked you, darling, to keep our engagement a secret."

Claire: "I couldn't help it. That hateful Ethel said the reason I wasn't married was that no man had ever been fool enough to propose to me. So I told her you had."

OAK BAY
MATINEE 2:15
EVENING 8:00

MON. TUES. WED.
Warner BAXTER • Myrna LOY
in
"TO MARY WITH LOVE"
ALSO
Carole Lombard • Fred MacMurray
in
"THE PRINCESS COMES ACROSS"

Romantic Scene in Film



Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll, Who Are Starred in "The General Died at Dawn," Which Comes to the Screen of the Atlas Theatre Tomorrow.

Walter Huston Scores In Dramatic Offering

Samuel Goldwyn's most ambitious production, the screen version of Sinclair Lewis' "Dodsworth," which thrilled millions as a best-selling novel and a smash stage hit, began a three-day engagement at the Capitol Theatre yesterday.

Walter Huston plays the title role he created and played for more than two years on the stage. Ruth Chatterton appears opposite him, while Paul Lukas, Mary Astor and David Niven are also prominently featured.

Sidney Howard, who made the stage dramatization of this absorbing and dramatic story of a hard-

working, easy going American husband who retired to travel and find himself, but instead found out his selfish, frivolous wife, also wrote the screenplay.

The story opens in the small middle-western town of Zenith and shifts to the decks of the Queen Mary, Paris, London, Vienna, Switzerland, Egypt, Venice, Rome and Naples.

"Dodsworth" was produced on a lavish scale with settings by Richard Day and costumes by Omar Kham. William Wyler directed. The film is released through United Artists.

ADVENTURE FILM ON ATLAS SCREEN

Gary Cooper Appears in Best Role in "The General Died at Dawn"

Gary Cooper, the screen's most famous soldier-of-fortune, will be seen again in his favorite role when "The General Died at Dawn," a Paramount picture of adventure, romance and intrigue in modern war-torn China, opens tomorrow at the Atlas Theatre.

Having already established himself as fiction's outstanding portrayal of romantic adventure roles in the French Foreign Legion, the Benial Lancers and the Italian and American armies, Cooper now comes to the screen as a roving soldier-of-fortune in modern war-torn China.

Appearing opposite him is beautiful blonde Madeleine Carroll, in the role of the lure put out by a scheming war-lord to trap Cooper. This is an entirely new role for Miss Carroll who has already captivated America despite her few appearances before the camera.

AMUSEMENTS

On the Screen
Atlas—Gary Cooper in "The General Died at Dawn."
Capitol—"Dodsworth," with Walter Huston.
Columbia—Paul Muni in "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang."
Dominion—"Smartest Girl in Town," starring Ann Sothern.
Oak Bay—Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy in "To Mary With Love."
Plaza—"The Singing Kid," starring Al Jolson.

announced here yesterday. The "Melodrama Revue," as the road show is called, has been playing the Coast circuit of the Bert Levey Circuit, Inc.

The road show features the orchestra of the six novelty Melodrama, the Five Pioneers, a comedy act by Vel Setz, including juggling, an acrobatic dance routine, by Dainty LeClare, and an act by Tellman.

The show runs for 100 minutes and according to critics, there is not one dull moment.

BRIGHT REVUE TO BE AT EMPIRE NEXT WEEK

A bright, mile-a-minute vaudeville show, will be presented at the Empire Theatre on New Year's Eve and January 1 and 2. It was announced here yesterday.

"MOONLIGHT BALLET" PLANNED FOR REVUE

For those who love the art of the classic dance, a Chopin suite, including waltzes, nocturnes and preludes, has been arranged in "Christmas Capers," which will be presented at the Royal Victoria Theatre the afternoon and evening of Boxing Day by the Russian Ballet School.

It will be entitled "The Moonlight Ballet" and special attention in this number will be paid to lighting. The orchestra will supply the necessary background.

The senior pupils of the school, who did such excellent work in "Coppelia" early in the summer, will be in "The Moonlight Ballet" and their excellent work will again be seen.

PAUL MUNI STAR OF PRISON STORY

"I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang" Has Unique Sets—Tense Theme in Drama

The prison sets shown in "I Am a Fugitive From a Chain Gang," a Warner Bros. picture coming to the Columbia Theatre, Monday, are startlingly realistic. These include a whipping post where men are flogged for the slightest violations; the great mess hall where prisoners eat in chains, and the great rock piles where they break stone from morning to night.

These form the background of a thrillingly spectacular story based on the novel of Robert E. Burns, now a fugitive from a prison camp Paul Muni takes the stellar role, with a noted supporting cast including Glenda Farrell, Helen Vinson, Preston Foster, Edward J. McNamara and Sheila Terry.

UNUSUAL FILM IS AT THE OAK BAY

"To Mary—With Love" Stars Myrna Loy and Warner Baxter—Has Appealing Theme

"To Mary—With Love," Fox screen version of Richard Sherman's highly praised and widely discussed novel of modern love opens at the Oak Bay Theatre tomorrow.

Tenderly enacted by an imposing cast starring Warner Baxter and Myrna Loy, with Claire Trevor and Jean Dixon also featured, "To Mary—With Love" easily ranks as one of the most important, timely and appealing films ever produced.

As different from the ordinary picture as night from day, "To Mary—With Love" is the tale of a gallant, glorious love, and of two sweethearts who find what the years can do even to a romance like theirs.

PLAZA PRESENTS MUSICAL SUCCESS

Al Jolson and Strong Cast Playing in "The Singing Kid"

"The Singing Kid," First National's musical spectacle with Al Jolson in the stellar role, comes to the Plaza Theatre tomorrow.

The picture combines hilarious comedy with heart-throbbing drama, spectacular specialty numbers and catchy new popular songs. It is a colorful production with the glittering background of New York show life, with beautiful chorus and dancing girls, and fifty undulating acrobats, truckin' black beauties right from Harlem, mostly members of the "Blackbirds." The Cotton Club Revue, and other shows.

There is a brilliant supporting cast which includes Sybil Jason, the baby star, Beverly Roberts, Edward Everett Horton, Lyle Talbot, Allen Jenkins, Claire Dodd, Jack Durant, Frank Mitchell, Joseph King and William Davidson.

EAST SOOKE FARMERS ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

EAST SOOKE, Dec. 19.—On the evening of December 15, the East Sooke Farmers' Institute held its annual meeting in the Community Hall. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Emil Laury; Vice-President, Mr. Emmonson; Secretary, Miss Joan Homer; Directors, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. P. Caffery, and Mrs. M. Brown; Auditors, Mrs. Shier and R. Caffery.

Food Matinee to Be Held at Plaza Theatre Tomorrow

TOMORROW morning at 10 o'clock, a food matinee in aid of the Sanich Welfare Association's Christmas hamper fund will be held at the Plaza Theatre. Admission to the theatre will be by canned food or vegetables only. This fund urgently needs all support to insure hampers for every needy family in the district. A programme especially attractive for children will be given.

Starred in Comedy Hit



Ann Sothern and Gene Raymond in a Scene From "Smartest Girl in Town," Showing on the Screen at the Dominion Theatre for the Last Times Monday.

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FOREIGN CURRENCIES COMPILED ON BASIS OF CANADIAN DOLLAR

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—British and foreign exchange closed calm today.

Argentine, peso, 3502; Australia, pound, 39162; Japan, yen, 2857; New Zealand, pound, 39478; South Africa, pound, 48805.

CREATED GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Railways of Canada Are Largely Responsible for Growth of Dominion

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—How the Railways of Canada have revised the map of commerce during development of the Dominion was outlined by A. A. Gardiner, assistant general passenger traffic manager of the Canadian National Railways, in an address delivered before the Commercial Travelers' Association annual banquet Friday. The gathering, an unusually large one, was attended by representatives of all departments of Canadian business, including S. J. Hungerford, chairman and president of Canadian National system.

In touching upon the railways' development of Canada as a commercial entity, Mr. Gardiner drew attention to the fact the pioneer steam roads not only created new centres of distribution, but likewise offered facilities whereby pioneer districts were opened for settlement.

INTO CLOSER CONTACT
"By shortening distances," he said, "they brought the people of different parts of the country into closer contact. These closer contacts brought about better understandings. Due to this, one may claim, with justice, that the railways made possible the confederation that followed, that confederation which gave us a Dominion from sea to sea, at whose Eastern and Western gates lie two great oceans."

Mr. Gardiner pointed out that as the railways penetrated the hitherto economically inaccessible hinterlands, new national wealth was created and an important increase in population made. "The common measure of railways' performance is that of ton miles and passenger miles," said Mr. Gardiner, and drew attention to the fact that these figures have made pronounced increases, so has the purchasing power of the nation grown in proportion.

"So great has been the advance of railway figures that they have passed almost beyond the conception of the average man. For example, the tonnage by Canadian railways in one year of goods valued at 3,000 millions of dollars, three billions of dollars if you will, even if reduced to an average of \$300 per head of our ten million of population cannot easily be grasped."

**CANADIAN DOLLAR
AND POUND RATES**
MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—Pound sterling declined 5-16 of 1 cent on Montreal foreign exchanges today to 490-1-2. The French franc held unchanged at 66-1/2, while the United States dollar eased 1-8 at 1-18 of 1 per cent discount.

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DECORATIONS ON TREES TRADITION

Lights, Holly and Kindred Garlande Give Home Atmosphere—Typical of Holiday

Lights gleaming from every window over the white snow, holly wreaths telling a story of cheer and Christmas joy within. That is the tradition of Christmas and one that you will wish to follow.

And even though you haven't room for a big tree—by all means order one of the small ones. You can set it up on a table and place your gifts around it, and it will give the house that sweet piney fragrance inseparably associated with the holidays and lend its color and charm to the gala scene.

Loose holly is lovely, and you can arrange it in copper bowls or pitchers, and placed in water it will keep its glossy freshness for a long time. Place a wreath over the mantel and tie a huge red bow at the base; hang wreaths in the windows and on the outside of the door.

GIVES LOVELY EFFECT

If you prefer, you may buy scented wreaths of everlasting flowers—some of these have a light atmosphere at the base, and they are bright and gay. If you are giving a dinner party Christmas Eve, or on the holiday itself, try using a long branch from the Christmas tree as a decoration for the centre of the table. Trim it with bright ornaments—just as you would the tree—it gives a lovely effect and is simple to arrange.

A pot of brilliant red poinsettias or cyclamen will be fresh and lovely and a charming touch.

The Christmas story never grows old and never fails to strike some cord in the heart of man that is in tune with the great universe around him.

That Body of Yours

(By James W. Barton, M.D.)

INFLUENZA—FLU
As we read about the great epidemics of cholera, yellow fever, smallpox of former years, many of us may fail to realize that the influenza or flu epidemic of 1918 and 1919 caused more deaths throughout the world than any of the above scourges.

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BRIGHT FLOWERS FOR DECORATION

Vary Old Evergreen Motif This Year And Introduce Bright Blossoms

When we think of Christmas we think of holly wreaths, mistletoe, evergreens, and, of course, a Christmas tree. They are all a part of the Christmas tradition that has been passed down from one generation to another for centuries. But why these evergreens for decorations? Why not some other flowers—something brighter, more colorful?

To answer these questions you have to take yourself out of the room and take yourself back to the days when the coming of Winter meant the end of sweet-scented, colorful flowers. Then you realize why the people back in those days chose evergreens for Christmas decorations.

WENT TO THE FORESTS

Necessity was the mother of invention with them—they wanted to celebrate the glorious feast day of Christmas, they wanted to decorate their homes. They had no Summer flowers or plants, so they went to the forests and brought in the evergreens, the only things that seemed alive when snow was on the ground. How different it is with us. We still cling to the evergreen tradition—shipping in every year trainloads after trainloads of evergreens from the North woods, although we can go to the flower store and get a great variety of cut flowers and plants. We keep the evergreens and add to the picture chrysanthemums, lilies of the valley, sweet peas, carnations, roses and other Summer flowers. We add poinsettias—plants to make Christmas bright and cheery.

"I sent my little box for two pounds of plums and you only sent a pound and a half."
"My scales are all right, madam. Have you weighed your little box?"

Hecker—I wouldn't vote for you if you were an angel.
Candidate—If I were an angel you wouldn't be in my constituency.

CULBERTSON on CONTRACT

By Ely Culbertson

World's Champion Player and Greatest Card Analyst

GUIDING THE DEFENCE

"The problems of defence rarely are equally clear to both defenders on a given hand. One of the defenders almost always is in a better position than the other to make decisions. This 'better position' may result from his knowledge concerning his own holding or it may spring from the fact that partner has supplied him with vital information by means of a lead or signal card. The reason is immaterial. The fact is that this knowledge or information must be translated into direct action. It is patently ridiculous to 'pass the buck' when you yourself hold the only key to the secret door."

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
▲ K Q 10
▲ J 10
▲ K 10 2
▲ Q 10 5 4 3

WEST
▲ J 8 7 3
▲ A 8 6
▲ J 8 7 4 3
▲ 9

EAST
▲ 9 6 5 4 2
▲ 8 7 2
▲ A Q 6
▲ J 8

SOUTH
▲ 4
▲ K Q 5 4 3
▲ 6 5
▲ A K 7 6 2

The bidding.

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3 ♠ Pass 3 NT Pass
4 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass
Pass — Pass

North's three no trump bid was highly questionable, despite the fact that it probably would have been fulfilled against the normal spade opening by East. He should have bid four clubs. It then would have made the obviously tentative rebid of four hearts, which bid would intimate only a fair five card suit.

and would put it up to North as to whether five hearts or five clubs should be the final contract. It would have required courage on North's part to have permitted four hearts to stand, but the fact that his doubtless was composed of two honors should have influenced that decision. He should have been more optimistic about a ten trick major suit contract than the necessity for winning eleven tricks at clubs.

Against the actual five club contract West made a lucky guess in opening the four of diamonds rather than a spade. The latter lead, which theoretically was just as good as the diamond opening, would have made matters easy for declarer, and in fact, would have resulted in twelve tricks, since both diamonds in declarer's hand could have been discarded on dummy's spades before the lead was surrendered. Dummy played the deuce of diamonds and East won with the king, declarer dropping the nine spot.

Now, it should have been the easiest thing in the world for East to count that declarer had another diamond. West's opening lead of the four spot with the deuce in sight in dummy, had established beyond a shadow of doubt that West's suit was no longer than five cards, since he could have easily card lower than the four. East did not have to know about the blank ace of spades in declarer's hand in order to realize that he should cash his other diamond trick immediately. On South's two suit bidding it was obvious that if West held a heart trick it could not get away. Apparently, however, East gave no thought to all this. After winning the diamond he shifted to a heart and now when West won with the ace, he was in a real spot. He knew that East could count from the opening lead and his own holding whether the declarer had started with two diamonds, and East apparently had pointed out that there were no more diamond tricks available to the defenders. From West's point of view declarer's heart suit now was established. If he ruffed a diamond continuation he could draw trumps and discard all of dummy's shapes on his good hearts. Thus if East had the ace of spades he would lose it. West on this flawless reasoning shifted to a spade and the party was over.

As mentioned in the first part of this article, here was a case in which the defender who actually counted the cards "passed the buck" to the one who was in total darkness.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Question—Dealer opened with one diamond. Second hand (my partner) doubled. Next hand bid one heart. I held: ♠ J 10 8 5 2 ♥ A 7 ♦ 8 3 2 ♣ 10 5. Should I have shown the spades?

Answer—Yes.

TUESDAY'S HAND

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
▲ 7 6 4
▲ Q J 9
▲ K 8 7 4
▲ A K 8

WEST
▲ A Q J 5
▲ 8
▲ Q 8 3 2
▲ J 5 4

EAST
▲ 10 3 2
▲ K 5 4 3
▲ 5
▲ 7 6 3 2

SOUTH
▲ K 9 8
▲ A J 7 6 2
▲ A J 9
▲ 10 9

Mr. Culbertson will discuss this hand in Tuesday's article.

Christmas Flowers

Let Flowers Say Merry Christmas To Your Friends

Fragrant Blooms Will Carry a Message of Yuletide Greetings in a Form All Will Appreciate—Flowers Take an Essential Part in the Lives of All

FOR those in doubt as to what to give there is no more reasonable or delicate way of saying "A Merry Christmas" than with flowers. Fragrance, beauty and incomparable chastity are qualities that cannot help but appeal. Nowhere on this earth are these qualities found complete and in such full significance as in the petals of a flower. There is an irresistible appeal in flowers to which the hardest heart must open. Happiness, love, romance, life itself, walk hand in hand with flowers, embellished by their natural beauty.

The Victoria florists offer a variety of choice blooms that can hardly be equalled in any other city. One of the most fashionable flowers is the crimson poinsettia, emblem of Yuletide in the Southland. Azaleas, begonias, cyclamen and fragrant plant baskets are displayed in profusion. Roses, carnations and snapdragons all take their appointed place. In every florist shop are shown masses of daisies.

There is something in the gift of flowers that eclipses everything in the art of giving. Be it a priceless bouquet of the most delicate wild daisies in the cottage.

ON ALL OCCASIONS

Flowers are here to bring happiness and to cheer. In the morning we awake. This heralds the torture of getting up. If, perchance, we are lucky enough to be able to turn our sleepy eyes to a window half hidden by clusters of clambering roses, some of the fog automatically lifts and the horror of rising becomes almost a pleasure. The sight of the roses has cheered us, and indirectly thrust us out of bed.

Someone lies ill and suffering in a hospital, struggling for life and the light to overcome and forget the pain are somewhat eased by the encouragement and smiling sympathy ushered gently into the room by a vase of slender whispering carnations.

Somewhere the wedding bells are pealing. The people are flocking through the portals of the church. Seventy-five per cent of the wedding is the bride. Her bouquet and the church decorations make up almost the other twenty-five. Ah, the bells again are calling, but now their melody is sad and

FLORAL GIFT FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Whether Fifth or Fiftieth Flowers Should Carry Remembrance

Wedding anniversaries—the milestones of marriage—are days of great significance in the life of every wife. Her wedding day is one she never forgets, even though the exact date of the ceremony many often forget. Her husband's memory.

To any husband who may read these lines, here's advice. Nothing will keep romance alive more than remembering these anniversaries, days with tokens of gay flowers. And to wives who have husbands with memories that sometimes fail, here's this. Drop a gentle hint now and then that you appreciate these little attentions, that you do love flowers, but, above all, you love the thought that suggests the gift.

Of course, there are anniversaries and anniversaries—and the higher the number goes the more precious is the memory, the more valuable its symbol—but no matter whether it is the first or fiftieth milestone, the occasion always demands flowers.

FOR THE FIFTH

One particularly clever floral gift is designed for the fifth—the "wooden" wedding. Here the flowers are placed in a wooden chopping bowl. For a dash of color and distinction, a large, bright orange, a ruddy apple tucked in with the flowers. A utilitarian touch, which further carries out the scheme of wood, is provided by a potato masher, a spoon and a salad fork.

Imagine the pleasure this gift will give the woman who has sailed successfully through five years of marriage. It is certain she will never forget her fifth wedding anniversary, and years after, when she uses the chopping bowl and other utensils, the memory of the flowers and the thoughtfulness of the giver will linger with her pleasantly.

For the twenty-fifth anniversary a basket wrapped in silver and bound with silver ribbon. The flowers used—roses, larkspur, valley lilies and gardenias, are pure white. A small arrangement of these flowers, which can be detached and worn as a corsage by the "silver" bride, is fastened to the handle with a bunch of twinkling bells. This basket would be most appropriate as a centrepiece.

OLD TRADITIONS SURROUND HOLLY

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The holly bush with which we decorate our homes at Christmas-time prefers a northern climate to a southern one. In the former climate the bush has been known to attain a height of from twenty to fifty feet, while in the latter climate it is generally only a small bush. In some places holly is used as a medicine for cases of gout and rheumatism, while the leaves and small berries, chopped in small pieces, are sometimes given to sheep in severe winter weather.

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ANCIENT CUSTOM

The word "holly" is derived from the very ancient custom of using sprigs of this tree to decorate the churches at Christmas-time. This gave it the name "Holly Tree," which in due course became known as "Holly Tree."

Long ago holly was thought to be an antidote for poison, and a protection against lightning and it was believed that the flowers of holly would freeze water.

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In some parts of Ireland the holly is regarded as the special tree of the fairies.

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With a variety show for students, friends and parents, Brentwood College Fall term was brought to a close Thursday night. Students will reassemble on January 13.

A realistic scout camp scene in the college gymnasium opened the programme, followed by a violin solo by P. Hinton. Three sketches by the staff were well-received by the audience, and H. Rogers, G. Mul-

gan and R. Stephens were exceedingly funny in a humorous sketch entitled "The Great Finding." The five prefects also contrived a humorous sketch. T. Bassett and M. Symons were heard in a dialogue. The school choir, trained by L. Bolt, completed the programme with a number of songs. After the show, refreshments were served in the library.

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Imaginary Tourist Sees More of City Central Churches

Comment Is Made, a la Baedeker, on First Baptist, St. John's Anglican and First United Churches, Dr. Davies' Empire Theatre and Liberal Catholic Services

IT seems to me," said the imaginary tourist who was being taken by a Colonist guide in a sightseeing round of Victoria's churches—"It seems to me that the intersection of Quadra and Pandora Streets is the ecclesiastical hub of your fair, and I must concede, churchy city."

Ten houses of worship, he pointed out (with the zeal of the man with a new idea), can be seen by anyone who stands, at the risk of being hit by cross-traffic, at the intersection of the highway commanding both of these broad roadways.

These are (looking westward): The Jewish Synagogue of Temple Emanuel, at the corner of Pandora and Blanshard; Central Baptist Church, some fifty yards above, on Pandora; the unobtrusive United Church Japanese Mission, near the corner of Pandora and Quadra; the dignified edifice of Metropolitan United Church; some blocks to the south, on Quadra, Christ Church Cathedral; around the corner of Pandora, above Metropolitan, is the Victoria Gospel Hall; at the head of the avenue, the First Church of Christ, Scientist. These seven have been introduced to the tourist visitor and Colonist readers in the last two issues of this journal. Three more come into view, as guide and guest turn westward along Quadra.

Over the front of the first, as it were, its new name has been newly painted. For twenty-six years this church on the left side of the street bore the name of "First Congregational Church." When the Congregational, along with all other Congregational groups, thirty years ago, entered the United Church of Canada, in 1925, its members joined its neighbor, a block away. Their house of worship and its varied equipment

the shapely Gothic edifice of St. John's Church, whose slender spire stands tall against the city's skyline. In contrast, too, is the life-story of this congregation, which has been smooth and untroubled. Though it was organized full seventy-five years ago, the present tall-spired edifice is only its second house of worship. The present rector, Rev. Canon Chadwick, has been incumbent for twenty-three years, and his predecessor, Rev. Percival Jenks, held that office for twice as long. An additional point of contrast is shown in the successful sale of the site of the old "Iron Church," where the Hudson's Bay store now stands, and an easy entrance into the beautiful Quadra Street structure. This latter was opened on December 22, 1912.

FINE ORGAN MUSIC

Fine organ music from the skilled hands of G. Jennings Burnett is found here. Unfortunately, the rector, Canon Chadwick, is at the moment laid aside by ill health. A new voice is heard in the pulpit, that of his assistant, Rev. R. V. Baedeker, until recently at Fort Pitt, Saskatchewan.

FOUND A HOME
Last June, the First Baptist congregation, after eleven years as tenants, became owner and occupant, and three months ago, on September 27, rededicated it with great rejoicing for they had wandered up and down the city for many years, and now at long last had a home. The passer-by will notice the new name, First Baptist Church. A baptistry was recently installed. Yes, the First Baptist people feel settled.

The quality of this congregation was thus described in The Colonist's issue of the day of dedication: "That this congregation has not only maintained itself but has also done a fine Christian work is evidence of faith and pertinacity in its membership. Their middle name may have been 'trouble' but they seem to have written 'courage' in its place. These sentences are herewith copied into Victoria's Baedeker of the city churches."

On the big blackboard hanging high in front of the building—not an aesthetic attraction, it must be said—on which the church services are advertised, the tourist noted a new and rather gracious name for caretaker—custodian. The well-known name of the minister is in plain view, Rev. George A. Reynolds, well known for his interest in civic-Christian activities.

In sharp contrast to the square, solid structure opposite to it, stands

of speech, human interest, a democratic attitude, special gifts as a speaker, of a cheery temper and a practical psychologist, he has qualities that bring crowds to the Empire and keep them coming from week to week.

Dr. Davies is an able counsellor, who treats current events, not from a newspaper page, but from a theatre platform. At the morning meeting he occasionally holds a healing service and dispenses Holy Communion. He is an exponent of the British-Israel idea.

PICTURESQUE SERVICE

Vividly different is a picturesque service held at 1011 Government Street, upstairs. In a small room arranged as a chapel are candles, altar, incense, vestments, the Holy Eucharist every Sunday morning, and Solemn Benediction in the evening. Here is a Catholic service with its symbols, reverence, solemnity.

This is not Roman Catholic nor Greek Catholic nor Old Catholic, but Liberal Catholic. The aim, as the name implies, is to combine the Catholic concept of spirituality through symbols with acceptance of modern—liberal—science, including psychology. Theosophical ideas are not barred. Two Victorians, who were ordained to the priesthood some farther ago, were at these unique services without remuneration. A small company find here their spiritual expression.

It would be difficult to imagine a greater contrast than is found in these two services. At the one a throng sing Gospel songs hilariously, laugh at the speaker's witty sayings, applaud his points as he discusses things political, things social, things Biblical, or what have you? At the other a few folk kneel, ponder on the mysteries of being and the Oversoul, and come away.

Yet both are gatherings of fellow-citizens, both held on Government Street. But Baedeker is not given to comment, especially a church Baedeker. So tourist and guide close the book here—until next week.

TEN HELD FOR SELLING DRUGS

Roundup Ends Long Police Investigation—Narcotics Seized in Seattle

SEATTLE, Dec. 19 (AP).—Ten men were under arrest last night in connection with what Detective Lieutenant G. T. Belland said was the operation of a narcotics vending organization. The round-up ended four months of police investigation and resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of narcotics of a kind usually smoked in cigarettes. Prisoners gave their names as Raymond Allen, Raymond McCall, P. Ponze, Carlos Leal, Leopoldo Macias, Gregorio Barquez, John Griego, Tony Defelle, Harry Dempsey and Vincent Farrera. Farrera, forty-three, was the last man arrested. Belland said Farrera was arrested in a shanty while trying to hide a gallon jug of narcotics beneath floor boards.



SALT SPRING ISLAND SCOUTS

Recently the Salt Spring Island Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs held their annual Christmas party and break-up at the Ganges headquarters of the two organizations. The afternoon's proceedings, arranged by the committee, were enjoyed by the boys and all present. Prior to the serving of tea, a display of first aid was given by the Scouts, who had for some time been training under the supervision of Mrs. Frank Crofton. The Cubs also carried out a drill display for the benefit of those attending.

Three hearty cheers were given by the boys for their recent Scout and Cubmaster, Colonel A. B. Snow, and later in the day each boy took him a present and visited him in the Gulf Island Hospital, where he is a patient. Desmond Crofton has taken over Colonel Snow's position as Scoutmaster and the Cubs by Miss Bryde Wilson, assisted by Ralph Seymour.

The Scouts it was stated, have recently mended several toys, which have been donated by residents for Christmas hampers. Before the close of the afternoon, the president, Major F. C. Turner, addressed the boys. Among those present were Mrs. C. E. Baker, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. C. W. Baker, Mrs. L. Cropper, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. A. B. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Clive Justice, Mrs. A. R. Price, Mrs. Harold Price, Mrs. A. H. Robinson, Mr. J. Farquharson and others.

1ST CADBORO BAY SEA SCOUTS

The weekly meeting of the 1st Cadboro Bay Sea Scouts was held on Friday at troop headquarters. The meeting opened with flashbreak and inspection and a game. There was a practice in artificial respiration. The first meeting of the troop in the New Year will be held on January 8.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19 (CP).—Twenty-two Chinese were fined \$10 each or ten days in jail by Magistrate H. S. Wood in police court yesterday on charges of being inmates of a gambling-house. The men were captured in a raid Thursday night in which police took fifteen minutes to force the door of the alleged gambling-house.

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AROUND the DIAL

TODAY
10:30 a.m.—A children's orchestra in Kraslow, Czechoslovakia, will perform a Christmas concert using miniature instruments for which the town is famous during a programme to be relayed over the Columbia network. Christmas greetings to those on this side of the Atlantic will be extended by the children, KOL, KVI.

11 a.m.—The "BBC Singers," England's outstanding radio choral group, will broadcast a special programme of Christmas carols, direct from London in this trans-Atlantic Columbia programme. Modern and ancient carols will be sung, KOL, KVI.

11 a.m.—Seven stars of the entertainment world, including Gertrude Berg, mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan; Marcia Davenport, mezzo-soprano; Bill Robinson, famous tap dancer; Bobby Breen, child actor and singer; and Frank Black and his orchestra, will be presented on the "Magic Key" programme, KJR.

12 noon—Rudolf Serkin, distinguished concert pianist, will be guest artist with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra directed by John Barbirolli, who will direct the orchestra in "Drei Harte Overtures," by James, Weber, and Schubert's German Dances, and "Le Coq d'Or," by Rimsky-Korsakov, KOL, KVI, KRCV.

12:30 p.m.—"The One Girl," a story of two young ladies who are twins, and their experiences in love, is to be dramatized on the "Grand Hotel" programme, Anne Seymour, and Lester Tremayne will take leading roles, KOMO.

1 p.m.—An important happening in the life of the late Ernestine Schumann-Heink which occurred on Christmas Eve in Germany years ago will be the subject of a dramatization on the "Sunday Special" programme, KOMO.

2 p.m.—A mother and son, separated for twenty-two years, will be reunited on the "We, the People" programme, KJR.

2 p.m.—"A Little Town in Bethlehem," "Tonight, Lover, Tonight," by Berlin; "One Kiss," and "Lover Come Back to Me," from "New Moon," and the Brindisi aria from "La Traviata," by Verdi, will be sung by Marion Talley, soprano, during her programme with Josef Knecht's orchestra, The maestro will play a medley of Christmas airs, KOMO.

2:30 p.m.—The absurd situations of Christmas time will be unfolded by Colonel Stoppand and Budd on their comedy half-hour, KJR.

3 p.m.—Neilson Eddy, screen and radio baritone, and Jeanette MacDonald, screen actress and soprano, will be heard together for the first time on the air during Eddy's "Open House" programme. They will offer a twenty-five minute "vocal-pocket" edition of "Naughty Marietta," the success in which they worked together on the screen, KOL, KVI, KRCV.

6 p.m.—From Hollywood, the film capital, Walter Winchell will bring his fast news and pungent air paragraphs, KJR.

6 p.m.—Jascha Heifetz, world-famous violinist, will play "The Song," from Wagner's "Die Meistersinger," Wieniawski's "Dobruha in D Major," Kreisler's "Dances," "Valse Blanche," and "Flight of the Bumble Bee," by Humsky-Korsakoff, when he appears as guest artist with Jose Hurbi and the Ford Symphony Orchestra. Hurbi will direct the orchestra in preludes to Wagner's "Lohengrin," "Parsifal" from Handel's "Messiah," and "Adeste Fideles," KOL, KVI, KSL.

8 p.m.—"The First Noel," "Unfold Ye Portals," by Gounod, Coleridge Taylor's "Christmas Overture," Sullivan's "The Lost Chord," and "From Heaven Above," by Bach, will be played by the General Motors Symphony under Bruno Riggs on this full-hour concert programme. Rose Hampton, Metropolitan Opera mezzo-soprano, will sing a variety of classical works, KOMO.

8 p.m.—Eddie Cantor and his cast of comedians and musicians will return to Hollywood for the Christmas season with tonight's programme, KOL, KVI, KSL.

8:30 p.m.—Buck Benny Returns to Ride Again! will be the drama on Jack Benny's programme. The cast will hold a party at which gifts will be distributed, KOMO.

9 p.m.—With Mac Mackay as Santa Claus, the cast of the local variety show, "Sunday Smiles," will have a party. The Royal Victorian orchestra will play the newest of the waltz tunes, "Gottlieb, Away With Murder!" while Maxine Hoch will sing "Who Said There Ain't Santa Claus?" Bill Fletcher will be heard in "Pennies From Heaven," and Maxine Hoch will sing "Here's Love in Your Eye." CPCT.

9:15 p.m.—"Conference at Five," the story of an abductor upon whom an overheard conversation KJR.

10:30 a.m.—A gala football rally heralding the 1937 Shrine East-West football game will be broadcast from the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House over the N.B.C.-red chain, KOMO.

12 noon—Mrs. Sarah Lockwood, interior decorator and authority on antiques, will speak on Christmas decorations for the home when she appears with Oretta Palmer, author, as guest on the "Magazine of the Air" programme, KOL, KVI.

12:30 p.m.—"Serenade" by Glazounov will be featured selections by the Rochester Civic Orchestra under the direction of Guy Fraser Harrison on this N.B.C.-blue network programme, KJR.

12:30 p.m.—Dr. Paul A. Pisk, noted Viennese pianist and musicologist, will be featured in a "Modern Masters" programme over the Columbia network, KOL, KVI.

1:30 p.m.—Over the N.B.C.-red network children of foreign ambassadors and ministers to the United States will bring Christmas greetings to listeners in their own tongue, KOMO.

1:30 p.m.—The clamor and gaiety surrounding the opening of the season at the Metropolitan Opera in New York will be brought to N.B.C.-blue chain listeners during this quarter-hour programme, KJR.

8 p.m.—"The Electric City" will present a programme in support of the Gvto Club's Christmas hamper fund, CPCT.

9:30 p.m.—Richard Crooks, Metropolitan Opera tenor, will be soloist on the "Voice of Primrose" programme. He will sing as soloist "The Lord's Prayer" and other Christmas numbers, KOMO.

9:30 p.m.—The Colist news, CPCT.

Sunday's Programme
CFCF, Victoria, B.C. (1130 KRCV)
11:00 a.m.—Crest Church Cathedral
11:30 a.m.—Sunday Afternoon Concert
1:00 p.m.—Christian Science Devotional
1:30 p.m.—Potpourri Association
2:00 p.m.—Gospel Sunshine Hour
2:30 p.m.—Sunday School
3:00 p.m.—Christ Church Cathedral
4:00 p.m.—Kings Highway
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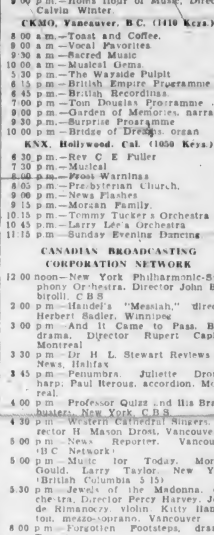
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Watches Spectacular Fire



The Duke of Kent was one of the hundreds of spectators who watched while the historic Crystal Palace, in London, was destroyed by fire. The Duke of Kent is seen talking with one of the firemen working on the scene. He stopped on the way to his home to watch the blaze.

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VETERAN AND ROOKIE LEAD 1936 SEASON

Lou Gehrig and Joe Di Maggio Individual Stars During Campaign

CHICAGO, Dec. 19 (AP).—A youngster playing his first season in the "Big Time" and a veteran of more than 1,600 games were brilliant teammates and co-stars of the 1936 American League season.

Lou Gehrig, a captain, played the official circuit statistics on records broken and tied during the last season, released today, show why Joe Di Maggio, rookie outfielder with the New York Yankees, deserved ranking as one of the most brilliant first-year men ever to crash the major league ranks. They also reflected the proficiency of the veteran Yankee first-sacker, Lou Gehrig, an established star of many seasons.

Di Maggio played a big part in helping the powerful Yankees break or tie thirty-one records during the season. He was one of five players on the team—the others were Gehrig, Tony Lazzeri, Bill Dickey and George Selkirk—to drive in 100 or more runs during a single season for a new major league mark. His potent bat helped his team establish twelve major league marks.

In the World Series, in which New York broke seventeen and tied ten world records, Di Maggio made two hits in one inning to tie a record, tied with Red Rolfe for most times at bat in one game, and made the most points by an outfielder in a single inning, three, to tie another series record. He also made eighteen putouts to tie a six-game series record.

Gehrig, who has played in 1,608 games, made 400 or more total bases for a fifth time for a new major league standard. He drove in 100 or more runs for his eleventh straight year to tie Al Simmons, Babe Ruth and another Yankee, Tony Lazzeri, broke three major league marks, tied another, set a new American League record, smashed a World Series mark and tied two others.

During the season, the American Leaguers cracked twenty-four and tied thirteen major league marks. They set twenty-six and tied eleven American League records. Seven club marks were set by the boys.

American League records established included: Twenty-six hits off one pitcher in nine-inning game, Chicago off Horace Lister, Philadelphia, shortest game, 1:11 double play—Apping, Chicago; outfielder having 400 or more putouts for a fourth time, Sam West, St. Louis; a total of 12,675 hits and 18,427 total bases for the season and 758 homers; the completion of 1,232 double plays, and winning the flag by nineteen and a half games—New York.

Good-looking Vic Christy, twenty-four-year-old Hollywood actor and former star of "Our Gang Comedies," gained an odd-ball triumph over rugged "Bull" Martin, Trenton pachyderm, in the scheduled eight-round main event of last night's gruff and gruff show at the Tiltium gymnasium.

With the match standing at one fall apiece, Referee Johnny Pears drew the curtains for the night when he awarded the Californian the decisive fall on a foot to a popular move with the fans, many of whom had been yelling practically all evening for such a decision.

Martin smoked enough rough tactics to lose to down himself, he landed on considerable punishment to the young Hollywood grappler. Shouting, grunting and bellowing in practically every round, Martin never did any wrestling all evening. His tactics certainly annoyed the fans, and they expressed their opinions quite freely.

ROUGH OPPONENT After roughing his younger opponent up in the second round, the "Bull" slammed him to the canvas for the initial fall. Christy was quite upset when the next round opened, and he came out with flying elbows. They landed to Martin's jaw and he dropped to the mat. As fast as he climbed to his feet Christy sent him down. The patrons cheered and cheered, and when the "Bull" was flat on his back the ovation that greeted the Californian literally shook the gymnasium.

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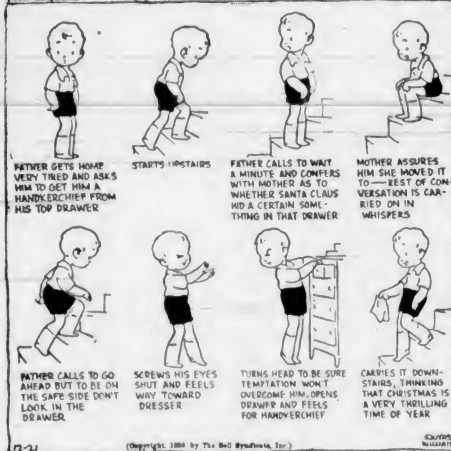
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THE TUTTS... By Crawford Young



THE ERRAND

By GUYAS WILLIAMS



How It Started

By JEAN NEWTON

Nothing is as simple as a solved mystery.

At first thought, it may seem puzzling that the word "balance" should be requalified in connection with such diverse situations as departments of government, the

Jane Dixon Says:

HERE IS A BLONDE YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS MADE MORE OR LESS UNHAPPY BECAUSE HER FIANCE HAS THE MOTHER COMPLEX.

Here is a young woman with a problem, one who seems to be taking some credit unto herself for the color of her hair. Blue's blonde and blue-eyed—and it has been said that gentlemen prefer them; but it has also been said that gentlemen marry brunettes.

The fact of the matter is that it is what's inside of her head, not outside of it, that writes the story.

A girl may have honey-colored hair and eyes to rival a sapphire, but if there's not the balance for these beneficent back of them she will find herself in a dither.

Dear Jane Dixon: My fiancé—he has been that for three years—has the mother complex.

It is understood that we will marry at some time more suitable than the present.

We are both old enough to know what we are doing—he is in his thirties and I'm in my twenties. Both of us make good salaries, enough to live comfortably apart. I save enough money to buy something I really want and then decide I'll never need it, so I give it away. He boards, and spends the rest of his salary on his mother complex.

MOTHER ALWAYS TAGS ALONG

Even our recreation is spent with mother. "It will be good for mother to go with us" or "Let's buy this for mother."

Mother has six children and a husband.

Perhaps, Miss Dixon, you will say I am at fault, but mother is dominating, always right, makes everything that does not go her way come to her way, and unpleasant things more unpleasant.

I do not like fusses (perhaps because I'm a blonde) and I do not want to fight for what I think is right. Most of all, I would not like to make my fiancé unhappy by causing argument or strife.

This is exactly what would happen if I crossed his mother and she could not dominate her son as she always has done. Her other children don't bother with her. They keep out of her way as much as possible. They're all married. She thinks this is perfectly all right.

I love my fiancé, but do not so much as like his mother.

What shall I do?—Blue-Eyed.

Answer: Tell your fiancé that you love him, that you want to love and to respect his mother, but that his practice of injecting her into your lives at all times is spoiling what should be your twosome.

NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME

You had better do this now, for after marriage it will be too late, and any attempt you make to change the custom will result in bitterness and in strife.

If this boy's mother antagonizes you, stay away from her as much as possible and under no circumstances allow her to dominate you. When she attempts to order your life or that of you and the young man, tell her with friendliness, but with firmness, that you prefer your way.

There may be some unpleasantness when mother and son realize you are your own woman and intend to exercise your right to use your own judgment. But if the young man truly loves you, he will be fair enough to see your point and to recognize your right.

Dislike of "fusses" is not peculiar to blondes. All well-balanced persons avoid clash when it is possible. In this case, however, you will have to prepare to meet opposition, indignation, even high words, perhaps, and to hold your ground dispassionately, but decisively.

Failure to take the situation in hand will mean that you must submit to the same conditions after marriage or face a real row. The next time the young man includes mother unnecessarily, tell him you would enjoy a twosome for a change. Perhaps after several such suggestions he will realize your love is a duo, not a trio, and he'll curb his complex.

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Domestic Crisis

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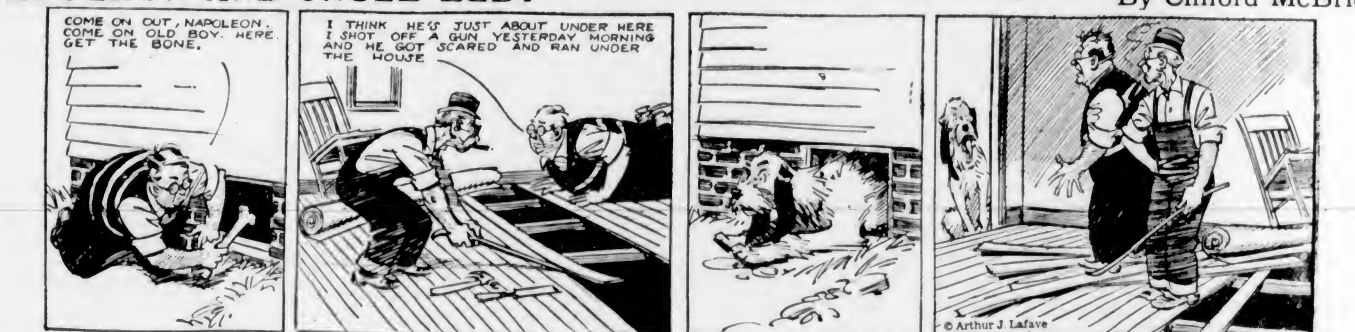
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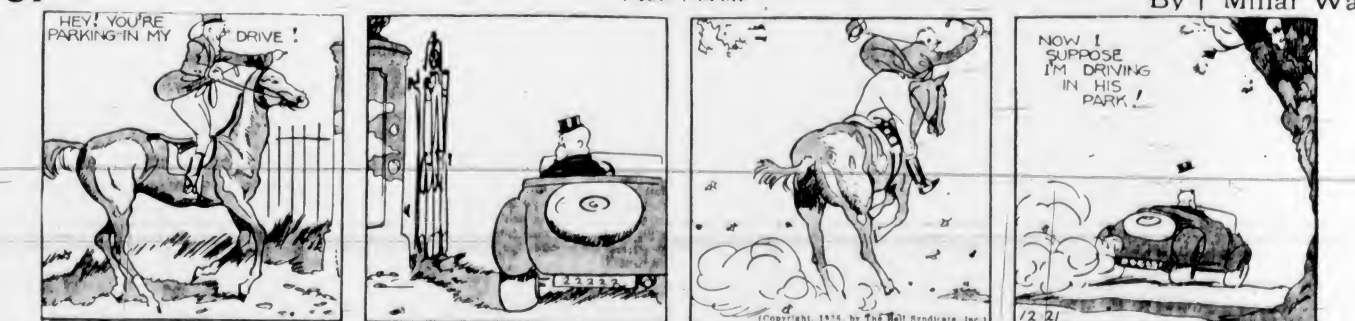
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ROMANCE PREFERRED

CHAPTER XXI

When Toby skidded the car to a standstill on the wet street, Arlen realized he had brought her home. "Elissa said she and Julian were going to a party after midnight," he said. "What's the matter with you?" he cried.

"I'm cold, Toby. That's all. Too much excitement and too many drafts for me. Come in."

"When I saw you dancing with Renny, I thought you were going to faint."

"I've never fainted in my life."

He followed her in and his own eyes followed every movement she made in taking off her coat and stooping down to light the gas logs. Restlessly he smoked a cigarette, lighted another in a few moments, and drew the smoke in deeply. When Arlen looked up, he was sitting on the divan, his head on his hands.

"I couldn't pretend I was having a good time at Louise's New Year's party or no New Year's," he said thickly. "I had a terrific row with

Mother. She threw me out and told me she'd down me. It was awful! I couldn't go on with the party—feeling like this."

"I've got a right to love whom I please, haven't I? I told her I wasn't a child and I've a right to get married if I want to. She—I've never seen her like that before. Oh, it's all happened before—these scenes when she thinks I'm serious. But this time she told me she didn't pretend to be ill. All the other times she told me she didn't think she'd live long and she didn't want me to leave her. That was just a lie to keep me tied to her. But I'm through with that. I'm through with her. I told her so."

Arlen knew that his threats had been unavailing and in the first Toby suffered more than Fanny because hers was the stronger personality. In the house in Virginia to which she had taken him, she was waiting now, confident that the power of her money would bring him back. Had not Renny once

said, "Toby is slightly mad. He comes from pretty mad stock?"

"What are you going to do, Toby?"

"Do?" He looked up. "You've never told me you would or would not marry me. Are you going to send me back to her and let her float over your turning me down? She'd suffocate me with pity and her 'I told you so.' He took her hands and held them tightly. "You can despise me for being weak. All right. I am weak. Granted. But, Arlen, you can't send me back to her. Will you marry me tonight—now?"

"Toby, nothing is very clear to me just now. But you've got to get yourself together. Don't you realize it's selfish of you to want to marry me like this just to hurt your mother? That's not the way to be free, Toby, by marrying me. If I loved you, I wouldn't marry you in the state you're in tonight. Nothing is very clear. Everything is horribly muddled. But that is clear."

"She said that about you—that you weren't in love with me."

"I never told you I was in love with you. I promised nothing."

"She said it was Renny you loved and that you were using me to see if Christa came back to stay. You had to find out about Renny before you'd make up your mind about me, she knew? You can't fool her, Toby."

been lots of things, but never a dupe. You've preached a lot of things to me, a lot of high-toned morals, and yet tonight, with Christa looking on, you kissed Renny. I saw you. Everybody was you. All the things my mother said about you were true."

"And Christa is back to stay," Arlen said slowly, "and still I say I won't marry you, Toby. Does that look as though I've been playing with you? I might have married you if you had come to me loving me, but to threaten me? Toby, I'm the dupe. I'm the convenient weapon with which you want to hurt your mother—and no matter how bitterly you feel toward her, how she'll still be your mother—and neither I nor any other woman can take you away from her completely. Why don't you admit you want to hurt her more than you want to marry me?"

"Then why don't you admit you're in love with Renny?"

"I do admit it. I love him but he doesn't know I love him. His kissing me tonight was only in fun—at midnight on New Year's—and it surprised me as much as it surprised everybody else. Toby, I wanted to help you out of your difficulties. I knew you were unhappy. All that I told you I meant for the best. I know how unhappy people can be made by affairs at home. It was because I was interested in you that I suggested your getting a job and making something of yourself independently of your mother. I'd never stand between you and her."

"A job, eh?" He laughed. "I had a job but I lost it. All right. I lied to you but I couldn't stand it there. He put his head in his hands again and said piteously, "I wanted to do the right thing. I swear it. I tried but I couldn't. Oh, I'm sorry about all this. I love you so much, but I can't do even the smallest thing to make you respect me. I couldn't even keep a job. You can hate me for lying to you but you can't hate me for loving you. What have you got facing you? Meeting Christa, as Renny's wife and probably accepting her overtures of friendship? It's as bad what I have facing me—going back to Mother and letting her see you wouldn't marry me. She'll take me back but she'll hate you for hurting me." He looked up. "I won't go back. I'll kill myself first."

Arlen put her hand on his shoulder. "No, you won't do that. You don't have to go back until you and your mother feel saner. Toby, I'm not turning you down because you lied, because you have no job, because of your unfair accusations. I love Renny and in a week you'd be miserable, knowing that I loved him."

"No, no, I wouldn't. I'd have to accept that. Men have married women who've loved other men. Arlen, I could get a job in Philadelphia with an oil company. You can't go on living here near Renny and Christa. When Elissa marries, you'll be alone again. What are you going to do?"

"I can keep my job and live in New York and not see Renny."

"You must think I'm a fool," he shouted. "Doesn't Mother know? Doesn't Christa know? Renny is in love with you. Why should he take all the trouble to bring you here? To help you? Men don't do that. That's why Christa came back—because of you! You won't see Renny, eh? You'll meet him in back streets and in basement restaurants. All your high-toned moral talk boils down to the fact that you're in love with a married man. Nobody knows anything about you!"

Arlen could hear Fanny's shrill voice crying, "Nobody knows anything about her. Who is she? Picked up on a beach by Renny and accepted by Louise, who is fool enough to accept anybody with good manners." All that Toby was saying was a reiteration of what Fanny had said.

"I'm a nobody," said Arlen. "Al Louise, I feel only a little better than a servant. But I'm not going to defend myself against your unfair attacks. Toby, you know enough to say 'only what your mother said.' In one breath you beg me to marry you to save your pride, and in the next you accuse me of the worst with Renny. It's not true!"

"You hate Mother. It's a wonder you don't marry me to spite her."

"Spite her—why? Oh, Toby, stop talking like a fool! Go to a hotel and get some sleep and in the morning you'll be glad I didn't elope with you. In the morning your mother will be sorry for what she said to you."

He got up. "Nothing you can say can alter the fact that you're sending me back and she'll spend the rest of her life gloating over this failure."

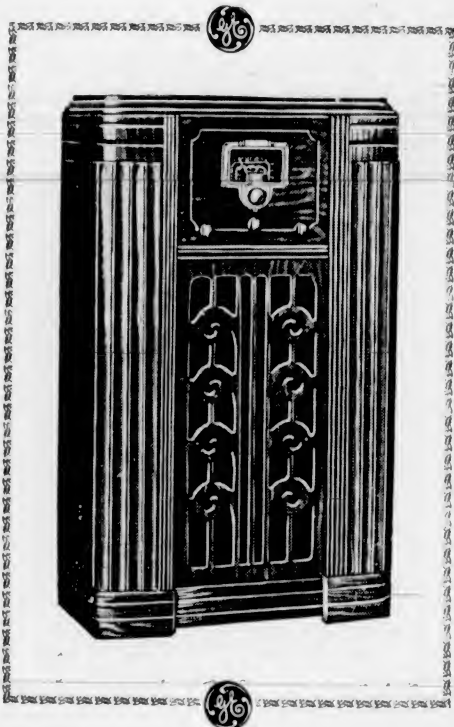
Arlen's voice was wearily pleading. Toby, why have you put this into my hands? Why should I take the responsibility of all this? I'm your friend, yes, but I can't decide about your life or settle your difficulties with your mother. She passed her hand over her eyes. "Oh, all this doesn't make sense. What are we saving to each other?"

"You'll see whether it makes sense or not!" he cried and the violent slamming of the door cut short the last word of the ugly warning. Arlen heard the door of the car bang and then the racing motor.

She sat still, feeling that every nerve in her body was tapping quickly and evenly. The room was cold and the furniture seemed a mile away. She sat up, breathing deeply, hearing sounds that were outside her mind. Suddenly she put her hands to her face and shuddered and sobbed without tears.

Had she not been so terrified and confused by her own affairs? Christa's returning and the despair in her father's letters—Toby's groundless reproaches would not have hurt so much. She knew that her frankness with him had not been wise. If she had pacified him with promises she had no intention of keeping, he would not have left with that terrifying threat she was always remembering. Why hadn't she pacified him rather than been entirely honest? In anger and jealousy she saw him devoid of

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BOUQUETS PRESENTED
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THE PROGRAMME
The programme was as follows: Broadband from Mother—Goose Land, Dorothy Drury, Norman

Lambert, Jimmy King, Eileen Newton, Gwen Goodwin, Betty Lou Playfair, Milton Grant, Ronnie Rutland, Eileen House, Harold Walker, ballroom dance, girls of Division One; vocal duet, Dorothy Drury, Gwen Goodwin, Christmas drill, Division Two; dance, Sallora Hornipipe, Dorothy Grant, recitation—Jean Laidlaw; Indian dance, Boys of Division One; piano solo, Dorothy Drury; snowman dance, senior boys; "The Whisker," Gwen Goodwin, Dorothy Drury, Balfour Skilling, Bonnie Rutland; minuet, junior girls; Christmas play, Betty Dawson, Frances Kerry, Martin Humeaton, Billie Hogg, Sidney Rowson, Geoffrey Vantrough, Douglas Boniface, Agnes Wilson, Betty Walker, Christmas carols, the school.

A pleasing feature of the evening was the announcement by Mrs. P. McNaughton that Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Walker had donated \$100 towards a school library.

Many Albertans Wish to Enter Business Here

Influx of visitors from Alberta, noted early in the Fall, is continuing to gain in momentum. Apparently an increasing percentage of these new comers are vying with Victoria with a view to entering business here. They state they and their friends believe the opportunities offering in Victoria are greater than those in the cities—large and small, in Alberta.

not coming to retire, but to engage in business. Some of the inquiries received have been concerning sites for automobile camps, small stores, hotels, rooming houses and prospects for real estate agencies. Such persons are, generally, in the prime of life and have been successful in their different businesses on the Prairies, and many have capital from \$10,000 up.

French Deputies Endorse Budget

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP).—The Popular Front regime obtained endorsement of the 1937 French budget in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday. The budget proposed total ordinary expenses of 48,257,400,000 francs (approximately \$2,248,700,000) against estimated receipts of 43,685,337,011 francs (approximately \$2,035,936,000). The figures left an estimated deficit of more than 4,500,000,000 francs (\$207,700,000).

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God's Christmas Gift

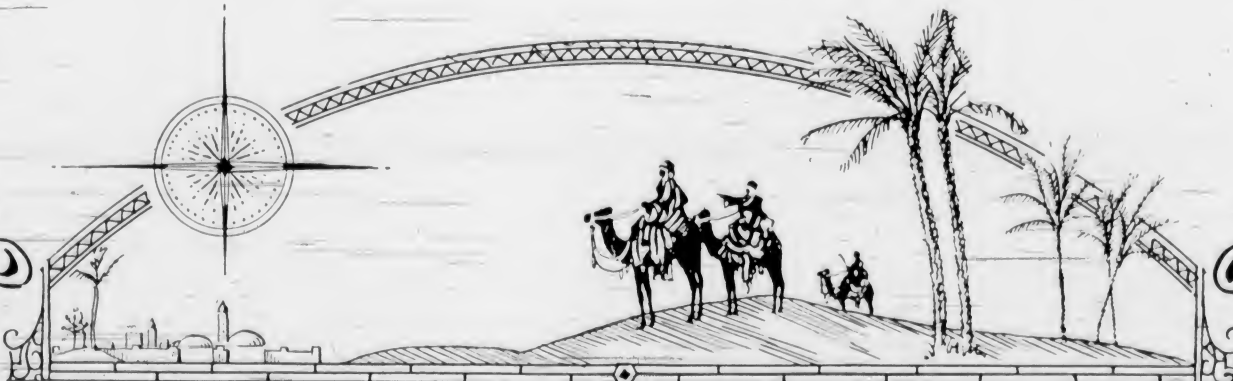
GOD so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. And so, "the word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

On the first Christmas morning the angels sang of God's desire for His people—Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men! His promise, long standing, was now fulfilled and His attitude long obscured was now revealed. His gift was love's gift and His children—whosoever. It was a gift for the shepherds, those humble, unlettered toilers of the plains. God thought of them. He desired them. He roused them with a song, and summoned them by special messenger. By this act He tells the humble toilers of every land and age that He desires them. They may come as the shepherds came. "And when they had seen they made the glad tidings known and returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen."

The call came also to those other watchers of the night, astronomers of the East. These men represented wealth and wisdom and the dwellers in far-away places. Their summons was a star, only a gleam, but following they found. "And when they were come into the house they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him, and when they had opened their treasures they presented unto him gifts—gold, frankincense, and myrrh." They gave of their abundance and perhaps their gifts were more significant than they knew.

Gold, the emblem of royalty, a gift for the King.
Frankincense, the symbol of divinity, an offering unto God.
Myrrh suggests suffering and death, an anointing unto burial.

To rich and poor, learned and unlettered, near and far, God offers the greatest of all gifts, His Son. A King to be obeyed, a God to be worshipped, and a Saviour to be fully trusted. So does the real Christmas come bringing with it Life and Peace.



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

A Tall Red Candle

By Margaret Weymouth Jackson

BETH Kent leaned over the counter and regarded with serious eyes the chased silver platter Mr. White had placed for her. It was beautiful. It had to be for it was for Philip's mother, who was an artist and who would, of course, have exquisite taste. The design was simple, the name of the maker famous. It was expensive, more than Philip had told her he wanted to pay. Well, she would show it to him and let him decide. Her heart beat was a steady, pulsing song of happiness.

Dear Philip, so steady and good and grave, and hers now, and forever. They would be married in the Spring and she would go to Hilltown to live.

Beth was happy and excited, and a little nervous, too, over the prospect looming immediately before her. For she had not yet met Philip's parents. She was to spend Christmas with them. They were going down tomorrow afternoon for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Beth could see in her mind the very tall, black letters of the cordial invitation that had come from Molly Wayne, Philip's famous mother.

"This platter," she explained to the salesman at Ammerman's, "is for Mrs. Wayne." She was astonished at herself for being so confident. But then she had known Mr. White a good many years. "I'm not giving it to her," Beth said, "but Mr. Wayne is crowded with work. He is here on business for the Hilltown Bank, work which has to be finished by New Year's, and he asked me to look for something for his mother. He'll have only an hour or two for shopping. I want to select something really lovely, because Mrs. Wayne is an artist and will know what is good."

"Yes, indeed," murmured Mr. White. There was a sudden crinkle of mirth at his eyes. "I think she will find this beyond reproach," he assured Beth, and added, "I've known Molly Wayne all my life. Haven't seen her for several years."

He suddenly laughed outright. Beth stared at him, confused and a little offended.

"Excuse me for laughing," Mr. White said. "But I always laugh when I think of Mrs. Wayne. There's no one quite like her. I went down to see her a few years ago, to see if she would do some miniatures from photographs for us, and what do you think she was doing?"

Beth felt something unsuitable in the conversation, but she said, a little slowly, "I can't imagine."

"She was painting the house," he said. Beth chuckled. "There she was in overalls, up on a ladder, painting the house and having a perfectly lovely time of it."

MR. White grew businesslike again. He put the beautiful platter back into the case.

"I'll lay this away for you, Miss Kent," he said, "until Mr. Wayne can see it. And when you see Mrs. Wayne again, please give her my kindest regards. I have a great admiration for her. You probably know her husband is an artist of considerable repute, too."

"Thank you, Mr. White," Beth drew on her gloves. "I'll bring Mr. Wayne to see the platter."

She turned away into the Christmas crowd. Capitol City, she decided, a little color in her cheeks, could not be much better than Hilltown as far as being small-town went. Every one knew all about everything. The picture of Philip's mother up on a ladder in overalls, painting the house, was a bit too much for Beth. It was confusing. She felt now definitely timid about meeting Molly Wayne. But as soon as she saw Philip waiting at the appointed place to meet her, her confidence returned.

Philip was a big young man, with gentle, quiet ways, and he gave one a feeling of confidence on sight. He had a great deal of what is known as character and he was a tremendous worker. Beth had known him only a little while as time is counted, but she felt she knew him to his very soul. Philip was so regular. He was so good, she thought gently, and her face became illumined when he caught her eye.

"Any I like?" he asked at once. "I couldn't get away, some unexpected work."

"Not a minute," Beth assured him. "Philip, I think I've found something for your mother."

Philip laughed, and said, "I'm sorry you bothered to look. Here's a note from Molly. She wants a tall red candle for Christmas."

"A tall red candle?" said Beth. She spread the crumpled note in her hand. The tall, black letters read across the page:

... and so I found this lovely muslin glass candle holder we brought from Italy—the one we thought lost all those years—and I want a tall red candle for it. I want something bigger than the conventional dinner candles on sale here. You know what would look well in the muslin holder, Philip. And that's all I want for Christmas. Tell Beth we promise to love her, Molly.

P.S. I almost forgot—we're at the farm. I'm painting the pumpkins you know that frosted look. We'll all have Christmas here—M.

"And where," Philip asked Beth cheerfully, "am I going to find a tall red candle?"

"Is she serious?"

"Oh, yes, indeed," Philip assured her. He took her arm and they made their way toward the elevators of Ammerman's department store. "It's too late to have one made. I don't suppose there's anything here bigger than the candles they have at the store at home. I imagine Molly will want something really unusual. I know that muslin glass thing. I was made when people used big fat tapers. It's perfectly beautiful!"

THEY could find nothing that satisfied Philip in the department where candles were sold.

"Let's see about the candle first, Beth. Do you mind?"

"Of course not, Philip. But we'll have to stop and tell Mr. White—I had a silver platter laid aside for your mother. It is really beautiful, Philip."



She took Beth's hand in hers. She said, in a deep, careless, but vibrant voice, "So this is Philip's girl."

vision. They turned north, and suddenly Philip stopped.

"There it is!" he cried. Beth looked. There, in the window before them, it was indeed. They faced a window display for the book department, the small corner window. There was an open fireplace with a waving red electric light playing almost convincingly over artificial logs, and before the fire, models of children were sitting and lying on the floor, reading. Beside the mantel was a very tall red candle in a brass candlestick. It was at least three feet tall and it was slender and beautiful, and it looked as though it had a cotton wick which had never been lighted.

"It's perfect," he said, "but it's going to take quite a bit of doing to get it."

"I don't see how we can get it before Christmas," Beth said gently, "because they won't want to take it out of the window."

"I'll just have to have it, Beth. It would please Molly beyond words. I wonder who could get it for us."

Beth thought of Mr. White. "He says he's an old friend of your mother's, and I know he admires her," she suggested.

"Of course," said Philip. "Let's ask him!"

"They wanted until Mr. White was free. He brought the platter when he came to serve them, but Philip told him what they wanted instead."

"I think I can manage it for you," he assured Philip. "I'll find out I know your mother would like it. It's a question of when. And you'll have to pay whatever it costs. You must get it until we close the store tomorrow night at eleven."

"That's fine," Philip told him. "I certainly appreciate it."

At last they were in a booth at Pierce's tea and cinnamon loaf before them, holding hands across the table. Philip smiled at Beth. "Darling," he said, "then he's found it."

Molly would go to the farm, just at the time of your visit," he said. "Of course, it doesn't occur to her that you might not like the farm. She's painting the pumpkins, and she loves the farm. Oh, well, you might as well know the worst, first at last." He smiled at her.

BETH passed over this last remark with a little wonder. She was not given to musing at things.

"I didn't know your family had a country place," she said.

"It isn't a country place, Beth," he told her. "It's a farm—an old, shabby Indian house on a farm with an old, shabby house on it. Molly and Charlie, my father, once thought they'd go into the poultry business, and they bought the farm. They both love it—but I don't share their affection for it. We have a perfectly decent, comfortable house in town. I don't know—but you won't mind too much, will you, darling?"

"Of course I won't, Philip. I'll be with you," Beth said quietly. "But we'll have to change our plans for tomorrow night if you are going to take that candle home." She was thinking of her own mother. She had been brought up to consider other people. Her parents were going upstate to spend Christmas with Beth's maternal grandmother. "Will you want to drive down to the—to the farm, after eleven? We won't get there until 1 o'clock."

"I'll call my cousin, Joyce Wayne, tonight, and see if she can put us up," Philip said. "I'm sure she can, and the gang—the people you'll know when we're married—will all be together somewhere. I don't believe I want you to stay at the farm. The place is heated with stoves, and in the winter the bedrooms are like ice. But we can stay with Joyce and go out to the farm for Christmas dinner."

Suddenly Beth realized that something which had been rising in her heart for two hours had shown its face. She knew at once

and completely that she didn't like Molly Wayne. The temerity of this thought astonished her. Who was she, to judge Molly Wayne? But Beth couldn't help it. The thought was there. It wasn't on her own account. She couldn't care whether she stayed with Joyce or Molly. But Philip was disappointed. He could see. This was an important occasion for Philip. She felt that Molly was letting her son down, and doing it very cheerfully. Besides, Beth admitted in her honest heart that she was a little jealous of Philip's efforts to please his mother's caprices, as symbolized by this candle she wanted. And Beth felt a little timid, felt increasingly that she, herself, was insignificant beside Molly.

"You'll be crazy about Molly," Philip broke in on her thoughts. "Everyone is." He laughed suddenly, as people seemed to do when they thought of Molly. When the folks got that candle holder, of all the things that had happened to me that was the darndest. Here I was, graduating from the university—cum laude, since it's my privilege to brag to you—and everyone else in the class had relatives swarming all over the place—but none for me. Because Molly and Charlie were in Rome and missed the boat home."

Philip chuckled, remembering, and Beth felt a little icy flame in her heart. When he graduated with honors—why wasn't Molly already on her way to him? Why had she waited for the last possible boat? No, it was going to be a very difficult Christmas. Beth didn't know Molly, but she knew this much: that she could never like her. And she began to think that she wouldn't like Hilltown, either, and a queer loneliness and presentiment of disaster made a dim cloud over her happiness.

"We can have dinner and go to a show tomorrow night while we're waiting," Philip suggested, but Beth said, "No. You come out to my house. I'll cook for you."

Philip's face shone so at this suggestion that Beth felt a little happier. She must not let her feeling about Molly come between Philip and herself. . . .

Philip, holding his coffee cup for Beth to fill a third time, said to her, "Beth, you just can't know what this means to me—this lovely, orderly, peaceful house, the table set just so, and everything so quiet and good. And such a meal! I didn't know I was getting a wife and a real chef into the bargain. Molly and Charlie are grand people, but at home there's an eternal press in the kitchen and an unfinished canvas on the music rack of the piano and paint tubes in the bathroom. Don't misunderstand me—Molly can keep house and cook to equal anyone—but when she does she doesn't do anything else. She keeps house, as Charlie says, as though she were killing snakes—with passion and intensity. It's usually a kind of relief when she goes back to her own work. All this seems like something I've dreamed of since I was a little boy—like the fulfillment of a wish that has chased so long I forgot it was there. I'm a throw-back in the Wayne family. I'm just a plodder. I'm just another guy that works in another bank. But I'll never let you down."

Both kissed him. Her heart was too full for speech. She felt there was much behind his words—something he would never put more plainly. She felt intuitively that there had been a succession of worries, disappointments, in his life, and she began to feel, too, a queer thing, a fighting, maternal instinct, a need to take care of him, to look after him, to love him as he had never been loved.

JOYCE Wayne was a long-legged, yellow-haired girl with a wide, bright smile and violet eyes. She was as pretty as a picture hung in a gallery, and she greeted Philip at

1 o'clock on Christmas morning with loud whoops of joy and a great hug and kiss.

"Hey, watch out, you big palooka—you'll break the candle!"

"Oh, yes—the candle for Molly. And this is Beth," Joyce took Beth's hand and looked at her frankly in a way no one could resent.

"She's perfect!" Joyce cried. "She's just exactly your own girl. Where did you find her, you dumb bunny? I thought you couldn't find your way around alone!"

Philip was grinning from ear to ear. Beth had a swift impression of a big, warm house, lit from ceiling to attic, of the smell of excellent coffee, and a swarm of young people. She clung to Joyce and met them all. The "gang," it seemed, had gathered to greet Philip and his girl.

There were hot coffee and thick, good sandwiches and slabs of chocolate cake. A Christmas tree stood in one corner of the room, a fire roared on the hearth.

"We'll be sliding on Dairy Hill," Joyce said, sitting down by Beth. She looked up and grinned. "Philip's like my own brother," she added. "He's lived with us a lot while his crazy parents skydived around the world. Joyce looked across at Philip, gave her head a sharp shake. "Philip has written to me about you. I know him. He's never been in love like this before."

"Thanks, Joyce," said Beth, simply. "What's all this?" demanded a tall young man named Ollie. "All this time they put in the papers about parents handicapping their children—about mother complexes. Around this town a guy is lucky if he can find a clean shirt after he's ten years old. I ask my dad what to do, and he says, 'Use your head—use your head. That's what you've got to for.'"

Everyone laughed. "Beth, always sensitive, felt some undercurrent. They were trying to make it all right with Philip—to make him, and Beth, too, feel that everything was all right. She suspected they were sorry for Philip."

BETH shared Joyce's room. She awakened Christmas morning to find the world white with snow. She was horrified to discover that it was 11 o'clock and Joyce already up and gone. She rose at once. Downstairs she found Philip.

"We're not going to the farm until 1 o'clock," he told her. "I took the candle out this morning and saw the folks. Mother's painting."

Beth kissed him. "He seemed very happy. Perhaps he had just imagined some deep need in him. She had breakfast in a bright, small breakfast-room, and Philip and Joyce drank coffee with her. It seemed only a minute until it was time to go to the farm. Philip had his own car.

"It's the last Christmas we'll have like this," Philip said, as they rode along. "Next year we'll have our own Christmas. Before we leave in the morning I'll show you the house I hope to get. I've money enough to buy it if you like it. Don't you like the gang, Beth?"

"Joyce is grand," he said, "they all are. And they think you're tops too. And now for Molly and Charlie."

The farmhouse was set all deep in the new snow. A plume of smoke from the kitchen fire drifted in the cold air.

"I'll carry you," Philip said, for there was no sign of a path.

He went up the slight rise, Beth in his arms, and around the house. The sound of a shovel came to them. A man saw them, shouted, and came forward. He was a little, wiry man. Beth thought from his dress that he was the hired man until she saw his eyes—as blue as Joyce's.

Philip put Beth down on the newly-scarped walk and shook hands with his father. "And this is Beth, Charlie."

Charlie Wayne kissed Beth. His face was cold.

"I've been outdoors all day," he explained. "It's too beautiful to stay in the house. Better come in the kitchen. There's a fire there. And Molly's in there, too, working."

They went into the shelter of the porch into the kitchen, and Beth braced herself. It was a wide, light room warm with the fire popping in the range. Sun streamed in the window, and at an easel placed so that she could see out of the kitchen window, to the pump, stood a tall, vigorous-looking woman with wild locks of black hair. The woman turned. She put down her palette. She came forward.

Beth looked up into small, clear, brown eyes—into a face beautiful with work and unconsciousness—into a light. A and loosened around Beth's heart. Molly stooped and kissed Beth. She took Beth's hand in hers. She said in a deep, careless but vibrant voice, "So this is Philip's girl."

Beth loved her. Then and there—completely—and the unexpected reaction was too much for her. Beth, who had always been so self-controlled, began to weep.

"Oh," she cried, "oh, you're so nice—and I didn't like you! I knew I didn't like you. I felt that I hated you. Because you came to the farm for our first Christmas, and because you didn't go to Philip's graduation—and because we couldn't get here Christmas Eve on account of the candle—and because I felt that Philip never had a chance—and you're grand; you're lovely—Oh, Molly, forgive me!"

Philip stood staring at Beth. But Molly laughed. She held Beth close in her warm arms. She gave a deep chuckle—just like Philip's chuckle.

"It's all true," she said. "Every word of it is true. And how much you must love Philip to know it! It's the way I want him loved—jealously, protectively. Philip's always had the

little end—but now he's to have everything. I can see that. You're a darling child."

Philip didn't know what it was all about, but he was deeply stirred and content to see Molly and Beth in each other's arms. But after a minute he said:

"Where's dinner? When do we eat?" Molly looked at him, stricken.

"Oh, Philip," she said, her face suddenly crinkled with chagrin. "Oh, darling—I forgot. Oh, I got the biggest turkey in town—but I forgot to cook it. I've been painting like a mad-woman all day long. The turkey's on the back porch—I bet it's frozen stiff."

And then Beth laughed. She laid her hat aside with a businesslike gesture. "What difference did it make to Molly Wayne whether she ate turkey on the twenty-fifth or on the twenty-sixth?"

"I'll cook it," Beth said. "I know how. You go on and paint, Molly. We'll have coffee and sandwiches now and we'll have the turkey when it's done."

They ate the turkey at 8 o'clock. Beth had never had a happier Christmas Day. In the middle of the table stood the tall red candle, and it cast a beautiful light all around the room. It was Christmas—it was love, it was beauty. It was, Beth knew, far, far prettier than a silver platter.

And Charlie and Molly sat hand in hand and looked at the candle like two children with their first Christmas tree. Philip and Beth left them so scarcely aware of their departure. In the car Philip tucked Beth up carefully. The night was very cold.

"I might have known," Philip said kissing her. "I might have known it would be all right—that you and Molly would understand each other. But I was nervous—I'll admit it. You're so very different. Molly's girl-friend. She's under compulsion. Charlie worships her, but he can take her down when it's needed, never fear. You were grand, Beth. How can you go on being nicer all the time?"

Beth was deeply content. For she saw with the clear eyes of love that Philip was as he was because he had always had to be the sensible one, the steady one. He had never had any choice about it. What a grand job Molly had made of her son, with the frozen pump to be painted on Christmas Day and missing the boat in Rome, and the old farm, and the tall red candle.

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About Your Dog

By P. HAMILTON GOODSELL

ARTICLE NO. XXVII

Care of Dogs in Summer

DURING the hot summer weather, if one wishes to keep a dog comfortable and in the best possible health, there are certain facts to be borne in mind—and also definite rules of care and feeding to be followed. Many a dog suffers keenly during the torrid days of Midsummer because of its master's lack of understanding or appreciation of the small attention requisite for comfort and health. Likewise many a dog has been killed, because it was considered "mad," when in reality it was suffering only from a fit brought on by excitement and distress.

Many a dog often to thoughtful neglect of those attentions that would have kept the animal healthy and comfortable.

We humans, to keep healthy in the heat, neither eat, dress or conduct ourselves as we do during the cooler months. We lighten the weight of our apparel, abstain from indulging in consuming heat-producing foods and refrain from violent exercise during the heat of the day, and endeavor as much as possible to avoid unnecessary excitement. Left to itself, a dog would pursue much the same course. For Nature endows the animal with the necessary instinct to live in a manner best suited to its health and comfort.

However, our dogs being absolutely dependent upon us for their care, frequently cannot follow Nature's instinct, because through our lack of understanding, we make that impossible. The first thing to remember for one's dog in summer especially, is that it always should have accessible, a generous supply of fresh, cool water. To put it in the morning, and then let it stand all day, perhaps a part of the time exposed to the direct rays of a hot sun, is similar to deliberate cruelty.

If your dog's supply of water is to be kept outdoors, select a spot for the container which is never reached by the sun. An earthenware bowl or large crock will keep the water fresher and cooler longer than will one made of metal. The water should be changed several times daily and the vessel kept scrupulously clean. You can, if you have to, quench your thirst with tepid, stale water, but you don't like it; neither will your dog.

Heavy Foods Tabooed.

SECONDLY, see to it that your "pal" has a shady place, as airy as possible in which to be during the heated hours, and prevent it from taking much exercise except in the cool of the early morning or evening. Cut out all starchy, heavy foods, reduce the quantity of meat, add to the amount of vegetables, and make sure the animal does not overeat.

Thirdly, do not allow the dog to become excited by strange and unfamiliar sights and happenings, and keep it away from strange dogs. Don't take it into crowded stores or into busy noisy streets when you do your morning shopping. Neither make a game of letting it in your car and having it sitting with windows closed or partly so, to prevent its jumping out, while you visit "the butcher, the baker and candlestick maker." If your dog likes riding in a car, and this does not excite it or make it fidgety, take it along when you are going for a drive purely to enjoy the breeze. Otherwise it is far kinder to leave "spook" or "horror" quietly at home, away from crowds, bustle and excitement.

Crowds and Heat.

ABOUT twenty years ago I witnessed a scene that clearly indicates the disastrous results that may arise from taking a "big crowd" during the heat of the "dog day." On a typical "scorch" about noon, business took me into a large department store in New York. Passing by a counter where a bargain sale was being held I noticed, amid the mob of pushing, struggling members of the latter sex one large, red, copiously perspiring woman

who held the end of a leash attached to the collar of a half-grown French bull puppy. The poor little dog was panting and gasping with the heat, which, down at the floor level, must have been terrible.

The pup's eyes were bulging. It was shaking and quivering like a leaf, the while it made repeated futile efforts to escape from the restraining leash, only to have its owner jerk it back, and utter an impatient "be quiet" over an expansive shoulder. Stopping, I tried to comfort the gasping, struggling animal. It pulled back in fear, and became more excited. I finally suggested to the lady that she take her dog out of that crowd or it was likely to have a fit.

She stared at me and told me to mind my own business. Scarcely had I reached the other end of the building when I caught the curious sound, half bark, half yelp, of a dog in the throes of fits. Pandemonium broke loose. Women quickly shrank and fled. Someone raised the cry of "poison" and "mad dog." Turning quickly, I grabbed the twitching, foaming little dog and carried it into a fitting room where, pouring cool water on its head I soon brought it round, just as a burly milton of the law arrived, asking, "Where's the mad dog?"

The last I saw of my obese friend, she was making for the exit with the pup in her arms. I hope a wiser, more humane person.

(Continued Next Sunday)

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The Christmas Tree

ALTHOUGH many countries claim the honor of having given the first Christmas tree to the world, Germany is usually credited with the introduction of the symbol. . . .

In olden days man regarded trees as the abodes of spirits. They worshipped them, held ceremonies and placed gifts beneath their branches. An old working folk keep the custom. St. Boniface, a missionary, who was teaching the heathen Christianity, one day came upon a group of pagans about to offer a human sacrifice to a great god, believed to be the home of the "winter god." He ordered the ceremony stopped and commanded the heathens to chop down the tree, which being thoroughly terrorized they did. When the great oak had fallen the first thing noticed was a young fir tree growing between the branches of the fallen tree.

Why or how it grew there nobody knew, although the legend claims it sprang up miraculously. The young priest pointed to the fir and begged the pagans to accept it as a symbol of Christianity, which strangely enough they did. And he said to them, "This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your homes are built of fir. It is the sign of endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points to heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ Child, gather about it, set in the wild woods, but in your homes, there it will shelter no kinds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."

Then, at his command, they uprooted the fir tree and carried it into the hall. In later years the ceremony stopped and commanded the heathens to chop down the tree, which being thoroughly terrorized they did. When the great oak had fallen the first thing noticed was a young fir tree growing between the branches of the fallen tree.

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The New King

By H. J. J. Sargint

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LONDON (By wireless).—The dull boom of guns in the Tower of London in St. James' Park on the cold, brisk Saturday morning of December 14, 1893, told Londoners that the Duke of York, wife of the Duke of York, later King George V of England, had given birth to a son. The Royal Standard was hoisted from the Tower of London, erected in the time of William the Conqueror, in the presence of a large crowd of spectators, but the event created no particular excitement among the public, for the infant was only the second son of the Duke and Duchess of York and therefore not in line for direct succession to the Throne of England.

The event was chronicled in a supplement of The London Gazette in the following words: "This morning at 3 o'clock, Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of York, happily delivered a Prince at York Cottage, Sandringham. His Royal Highness, the Duke of York, was present. The Duchess and the infant Prince are doing perfectly well."

In accordance with custom, a letter from the Home Secretary to the Lord Mayor of London, informing him of the birth, was affixed to the Mansion House for the perusal of citizens. The Mayor, who conveyed the citizens' congratulations to the Prince and Princess of Wales and to the Duke and Duchess of York, received in reply from the first-named, "We are most grateful for your kind congratulations on the birth of our second grandson," while the Duke of York's reply said, "I am deeply touched by the congratulations and good wishes and thank the citizens of London with all my heart."

Early Training

ALBERT Frederick Arthur George, which was the name given to the infant Prince, spent his youth under the kindly but strict personal supervision of his father and mother, with constant inquiries into his progress from his grandfather, King George V, and an occasional inspection from his formidable and autocratic great-grandmother, Queen Victoria.

The child unfortunately was afflicted with a distressing stammer which persisted and rendered him shy and diffident, but indomitable will power and constant elocution lessons in recent years have enabled him to practically overcome the defect so that now he is able to speak in public without difficulty. Prince Albert, whose official title as King is George VI, never dreamt in the days of his youth that one day he would be called upon to rule the mighty British Empire and consequently was always inclined to take rather a back seat while his father, George V, was alive, preferring that his more colorful brother, Edward, of whom he is greatly fond, take the limelight surrounding Royalty.

The two boys were tutored together by the strict but kind Cambridge don, H. P. Harnell, after which the "Sailor King," George V, put his son in the Naval College at Osborne; and two years later he was transferred to the Dartmouth naval training establishment for an additional two years.

At the age of twenty, the young Prince joined the cadet ship Cumberland and gained sea experience in a voyage lasting several months. He then was gazetted as a midshipman aboard the Collingwood and was greeted by the King's orders, exactly the same as the other junior officers. He put up cheerfully with the rough and tumble life aboard the warship, joined in the pranks of his colleagues and became quite popular because of his modesty and complete absence of arrogance or "side."

Stayed With Ship

WHEN war broke out, Prince Albert was still aboard the Collingwood, and though he could have been given a soft post ashore, he refused to quit the ship and took part in the Battle of Jutland, serving in the fore turret of the Collingwood, which was under heavy fire from the German warships. The captain of the Collingwood mentioned in his dispatches that the Prince, like all ranks aboard, had played his part gallantly in the battle.

In 1920, King George made his second son the Duke of York, other titles incidental to his new rank being Baron of Killarney and Earl of Inverness. Thus, the new Duke had titular connections with both Scotland and Ireland.

The Duke of York during his father's reign, confined himself mainly to taking over the duties of appearing at public functions, such as opening hospitals and attending banquets, for which his brother Edward either had no time or inclination. In contrast to the latter, he never has been a particular lover of hitting the highspots or of night life, preferring a quiet home life, which has been greatly accentuated, since he has a charming wife and two children, and not a breath of scandal has touched him.

The Duke's marriage on April 22, 1923, to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, descendant of an ancient Scottish family and daughter of the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, was a romantic affair which struck a chord in the sentimental heart of the British public, especially as the marriage has turned out to be a great success. A large crowd attended the wedding at Westminster Abbey and greeted the happily smiling couple with roars of cheers as they emerged man and wife, the first member of the British Royal Family to wed a "commoner."

The public is convinced that the new King and Queen of England is as model a pair as were King George and Queen Mary.

A Great Traveler

THE King, as a bachelor, had not been a great traveler except in his capacity as a naval officer, but this was remedied after his marriage, for, in 1924, he visited East Africa and was enthusiastically welcomed by both the white and colored inhabitants of the British colonies there. Then, in 1927, he went on a six-months' tour, again with his wife, aboard the cruiser Renown, visiting Jamaica and going through the Panama Canal to Australia and New Zealand, everywhere being no opportunity in getting into direct touch with the people, who were charmed by his good nature and friendliness.

The new King, who is a staunch believer in the future of the British Empire, summed up



AND THEY KNOW THAT SANTA CLAUS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

These pictures might have been taken in any toy shop where Christmas things are on display and where Santa Claus holds forth. They were taken in New York City and they all tell their own story. Note the little girl at the extreme right of the picture in which Santa Claus holds forth. A few minutes later she was trying out the latest model streamlined one-kid power automobile. The lad at top left is one of those who knows very definitely what he wants—but how to get it worries him.

his views in a recent speech, in which he said:

"We are all members of one family whose interests are inseparably bound up in one another, possessing the same traditions, animated by the same ideals and imbued with the same faith."

His views on leadership, to which fate has unexpectedly brought him, were expressed in another speech:

"Nobody can lead unless he has a gift of vision and a desire in his soul to leave things in the world a little better than he found them. He will strive for something which may appear unattainable but which he believes in."

his heart can one day be reached, if not for him, for his successors, if he can pave the way."

Sympathy for the underdog, indeed, is one of the King's main characteristics, as he has shown on repeated occasions. Once, when touring a glue factory, it was suggested that he mist one department because of the offensive odor, but he refused, saying, "If people work there, what is good enough for them is good enough for me."

He inspected numerous factories, workshops, mines and other places where men and women labor in his capacity as president of the Industrial Welfare Society,

and it is an article of faith with him that industrial peace is the only sure road to industrial prosperity.

"Our aim," he said in an address to employers, "must be to create in our workshops such an atmosphere of good will and fertile partnership that misunderstandings cannot thrive. This is just another instance of that old truth that the quality of happiness in our national life is the quality of each man and woman. Upon the youth of the nation depends the future of the country."

The King is faithful in his deep-seated conviction that institutions which have as their aim the upbuilding of a generation healthy in

body and mind should have warm support, and he is the patron of several such institutions, notably the Barnardo Homes' Boys' Welfare Society, and is also founder of an organization which annually puts all classes into camps together.

England's new King may not be so colorful as his abdicated brother, but there is little doubt that he has qualities which endear him to his people, notably he is solid, sincere, warm-hearted and sympathetic and thus is likely to follow closely in the footsteps of his well-loved father, the Late George V.

Line to the Throne

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WITH the accession of the Duke of York, Princess Elizabeth becomes Heir Presumptive to the Throne.

Britain faces the ultimate rule of a Queen for the first time since 1830 when Victoria became direct heir upon the accession of William IV.

Firstborn daughter of the new King and his aristocratic but commoner wife, Princess Elizabeth takes precedence in the succession over her father's brothers and their children.

The succession to the Throne with the accession of the new King is in the following order:

1. Princess Elizabeth.
2. Princess Margaret Rose, her sister.
3. Duke of Gloucester, brother of the old and new Kings and third son of George V.
4. Duke of Kent.
5. Prince Edward of Kent, son of the Duke and Duchess of Kent.
6. The Princess Royal (Mary), only daughter of King George V.
7. Lord Lascelles, son of the Princess Royal.
8. The Honorable Gerald Lascelles, younger son of the Princess Royal.
9. Princess Arthur of Connaught, granddaughter of King Edward VII. She is nearer to the Throne than her husband though he is a grandson of Queen Victoria.
10. The Earl of Macduff, son of Prince and Princess Arthur.

The marriage of Princess Elizabeth and the birth of children to her would immediately alter the line to the throne.

Her firstborn, whether son or daughter, would be immediately after her in the succession and ahead of Princess Margaret Rose. Her first son, whether her firstborn or not, would become her Heir Apparent upon her accession.

The line of succession therefore follows purely hereditary principles.

In Early History

IN the early days of British history the monarchy was elective, and William II, Henry I and Stephen were included among those who were chosen for the Throne over others who had superior claims. Later there came occasions when the Throne was seized by force, and another development occurred when Henry

VIII obtained authority from Parliament to regulate the succession to the Crown by will.

Queen Elizabeth, however, refused to nominate her successor, and on her death King James VI of Scotland was called to the Throne by Parliament.

Well-defined hereditary principles have governed the succession since 1701, when the Act of Settlement received the Royal Assent after being passed by a majority of one in the House of Commons.

This Act laid down that in default of issue of King William III, and then Princess Anne, the Crown should pass to Princess Sophia, granddaughter of James I, and wife of the elector of Hanover, and the heirs of her body, so long as they were Protestants.

Since then the Statute of Westminster, passed in 1931, set out that no alteration in the law touching the succession to the Throne, or the Royal style and titles, shall be made without the assent of the Parliaments of all the Dominions as well as of the Mother Parliament.

By law, the eldest son of a King inherits the throne on the death of his father. If the eldest son dies before his father, but leaves an heir, male or female, the heir inherits.

If the King outlives his eldest son, and the son leaves no heir, the second son inherits—if the second son is dead but has an heir, that heir inherits.

If the King has no surviving son, or issue of any son, then his eldest daughter inherits, or if she is dead, the heirs of his daughter.

The Little Princess

PRINCESS Elizabeth, ten-year-old daughter of the new King, becomes Heir Presumptive to the monarchy in the world. Her sister, six-year-old Princess Margaret Rose, is next in line of succession.

Princess Elizabeth has been educated with an eye to the fact that she may some day be Queen of England. The British Cabinet has considered her education. And so have the family of Windsor in royal conclave—the late King George V, Queen Mary, King Edward, and her parents.

The Duchess of York at first was anxious that the little girl be sent to a private school where she might receive the customary education of an English girl of the upper classes. But she was persuaded to forego this idea.

Princess at School

QUEEN Mary herself has undertaken to teach Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, to give her her full name, etiquette and diplomatic conversation.

A Scottish governess, Miss Crawford, comes in every week morning at 9:30 and instructs Elizabeth in history and literature, which she likes, and arithmetic, which she hates for not at all. "Then comes a governess for an hour of French conversation. After that there are lessons on the pianoforte and lessons in dancing."

Princess Elizabeth, who has yellow hair, blue eyes and "the whitest skin in the world," is allowed to play in the park during the afternoons, but except for her six-year-old sister, Margaret Rose, and for several of her cousins, she has few child companions.

Even her birthday parties are attended by grown-up people—seldom by boys and girls her own age. King George used to preside. She blew out the candles and the King cut the cake.

Elizabeth had a pony, a bicycle, her skates, a string of coral beads, a jewel box given her by Queen Mary, a globe, a doll house, a gramophone. She has opened a savings account at the London Postoffice and a charge account at a Kingsbridge shop but instructions at the latter are that she must limit her purchases to one shilling.

A Young Gardener

ONE Christmas Queen Mary's present to Elizabeth was a set of garden tools. A plot of ground is allotted to her at Windsor, where she is taught to grow scillas, daffodils and other flowers. A favorite subject of discussion between Elizabeth and Queen Mary is "Mickey Mouse." Both admire the roguish screen character.

The little girl's first biography was published when she was four years old. A plaque of her has been exhibited at the Royal Academy, and at eight she began her public engagements. She is also author of several letters to King George, whom she called "Uncle England," to King Edward and to other members of the Royal Family.

Princess Elizabeth acted as bridesmaid at the wedding of two of her uncles; that of the Duke of Kent to Princess Marina of Greece in November 1934 and that of the Duke of Gloucester to Lady Alice Montagu-Douglas-Scott, daughter of the Earl of Bute. Both weddings took place in Westminster Abbey.

She is said to be able to perform an Irish jig and the Scottish hornpipe. She likes to watch the Guardsmen on parade and once when a sergeant asked if she had permission to march with the Guard, she replied, "Yes, please." Then she turned to her mother, saying, "Didn't I say it loud?"

A Sense of Humor

ONCE her mother told her it was not nice to say "My goodness" that she was young. A few days later a distinguished Englishman in her presence said my goodness. Elizabeth squealed and threw up her hands in mock astonishment.

On rare occasions she is allowed in the drawing-room when her parents are entertaining company—the understanding being she is to be seen but not heard.

One of her best beloved possessions is a gold-work doll of rather grotesque appearance. She was born in London at the home of her grandfather, the Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorn, one of the descendants of Maribeth. Nine o'clock is her bedtime.

"The father and mother she is 'Lillibeth' but to Queen Mary she is 'Lillibeth' too. Very popular, she once tried to make use of her public favor to her own advantage. She was told by Queen Mary once as a threat to 'sit down and when again she stood up the Queen threatened to have her sent home.' 'I can't be sent home,' said the Princess. 'Think of all the people waiting outside to see me.'"

It is said the Queen had Elizabeth taken down a backstairs, and escorted home in a taxicab.

Once she attempted to trade on her Royal birth. A nurse told her to do something which Elizabeth did not want to do, and when the nurse insisted, Elizabeth froze her with the reminder, "Royalty speaking."

WHAT SANTA BROUGHT TO SALLY

By Callaway Marston

AFTER the nip and tingle of the cold Christmas air the warmth of the car was welcome. All arow Sally tipped the Red Cap generously. With a "Merry Christmas to you" she answered the greeting of the beaming porter who stood away her bags, and saw that she had a hassock placed at the proper angle. She even managed to look as if the day that meant so much to many held something more than misery for her.

For a minute or two Sally felt something of the real spirit of the season. Then she sagged back into the bleak, unrelenting mental state that was becoming habitual. To a casual onlooker it didn't seem as if much could be amiss in appearance she was just a very pretty person with all a girl needs to make her lovely. To herself she was simply a forlorn female only seven years less than thirty.

Comfortably settled Sally snuggled down in her chair and decided that she would try and remember it was Christmas Day. With some wrinking of forehead and a firm setting of lips she made up her mind that for the space of one long week-end she would forget the past, ignore the future, and pretend she was content.

Within ten minutes her good resolution was smashed to smithereens. To keep it entailed putting Don entirely out of the picture, something not easy of accomplishment. To forget him was as easy for Sally as turning Lake Ontario into a golf course, or transplanting the Rocky Mountains to the Atlantic Coast. Even if Don had not behaved as well as he might, he was an unforgettable part of her life, and still occupied as much of her thoughts as when they were engaged. Hard as she tried she couldn't banish him. Way down deep she knew he had not been entirely to blame. The row that resulted in their separation might not have amounted to anything if he had not been silly, and he had shown a little sense.

ENtirely forgetting her determination to eliminate all unpleasantness Sally settled deeper in her chair, and gave herself up to misery and introspection. For the thousandth time—or more—wondered if Don was a little bit sorry for what had happened. Not that he really had cause for regret, at least not professionally. He had plunged even deeper into work. Already his practice was larger than that of many a doctor twice his age, and he had won a bit of credit for something he had done in the research line. Just what Sally did not understand, in spite of the war and a half she had already put in at a training school for nurses. Not that what happened to Don mattered in the least to Sally, but she shivered a little and stirred restlessly when he would be married to someone else. And she would manage, she assured herself, to find a place in the world—there was always room for old maids who could be useful.

Sally had almost reached the point where she broke down and cried. Only once since the fare-up had she seen Don, and then he had recognized her. Disguised in mask and gown she had seemed but one more nurse in the operating room that morning when something

unusual had been done by a surgeon's skillful hands. She held it against him. Did so in spite of the fact that the hospital had taught her the relationship of a doctor and his job, and that answering a call was of more importance than taking a pretty girl out to dinner.

At the beginning of their quarrel Don had not been angry, just too sure of himself.

"I don't want you to go out with Hal Louie any more." That was how he put it.

The man meant no more to her than a stick of wood, but she countered with a "Why not?"

Warmed and tired after a hard day, Don's tone when he answered was not calculated to turn away wrath.



Annoyed, Sally came back at him. "Hal's all right."

"He's not your sort—our sort. I wouldn't let my sister go out with him, and you mean a lot more to me than Kathie does."

Secretly she agreed with him but she did not intend to be bowed, then or later.

"I wouldn't need Hal to take me places if you kept your engagements."

Don rushed to his own defense. "But, Sally, a doctor—"

"Oh, of course. Ring in that alibi. Blame duty."

He tried to explain, but she wouldn't let him. "Do you want me to sit at home waiting until you take a minute off to call me up, and tell me you can't make it? I won't do it. Don, I intend to enjoy myself, and if you can't come along—well, I'm sure someone else will."

When the debate was over Sally's engagement ring was back in Don's pocket, and two young idiots had apparently parted for ever.

For three months she waited for some sign, then had entered a training school in Montreal and set about becoming a nurse. She liked the work, liked the people, even liked getting tired—because, well, if too weary one did not think.

Disgusted with herself for thinking of Don, Sally turned to the window and stared out into the darkness. When that proved no remedy she looked round the car, but there was nothing of interest. Passengers for Toronto on the afternoon express were few, and apparently they had all foregathered in the smoking room. She thought she was quite alone. Then discovered her mistake. Behind a slowly swaying coat at the far end she caught sight of

pulled a bit of knitting and a big ball of wool from a small bag, and for a time her fingers flexed furiously, her mind intent on purr and fluff.

Lulled to a drowsy calm, she was half asleep when the ball started rolling gently, lazily down the aisle, and keeping just out of reach.

Almost she had retrieved it when with a flutter and a flutter, it wound in and out among the chairs, to disappear at last under the only occupied one in the car.

Standing behind, Sally looked down at the top of the brown hat, under which the wearer was evidently asleep, and addressed it.

"I'm sorry," she began. "I'm sorry, but—"

Then she stopped short as if pulled by a string. Before she realized what was happening, Don was holding her hands.

"Sally," he heard him say. "Sally, is it true? Are you sorry, too, that we were such fools?"

Before he could kiss her, a stenographic voice from somewhere in the background announced "Dinner is now being served in the dining car."

That proved a signal for a general exodus from the smoker. A bell tinkled. The porter hurried down the aisle. Clearly it was neither time nor place for explanations. Dreading them, anxious to put them off, Sally clutched Don by the hand. "Come and sit with me, as if there had never been a misunderstanding between them. I'm half starved. Had nothing since breakfast."

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Suburb and Country



AGRICULTURE IS A FIRST PRINCIPLE. ON IT RESTS THE LIFE AND HAPPINESS OF MANKIND—Julian A. Dimock

Perfect Poultry Matings

AL breeders should be able to produce eggs showing 80 per cent fertility and hatchability. Should the figure fall below that, it not only means that the cost of producing birds for sale, or replacement pullets for home needs, is greater than it should be, but that the chicks are likely to be lacking in vigor.

It is more difficult to improve fertility and hatchability in the middle of the season—from next January to April—but if precautions are taken now, many losses of eggs will be saved.

The perfect poultry matings should be such that the maximum number of females are mated to each male and that as many eggs as possible produce vigorous chicks.

Firstly, the question of age. In the hands of an inexperienced poultry-keeper it would be safer to use females which are over-year-old, i.e., those which have completed their first laying year. By doing this we can be assured of the ability of the bird to live and of its full maturity, and are also more likely to use only two-ounce eggs or over.

In the hands of an expert, pullets may be used for breeding so long as the birds are fully mature and of good body weight and breeding shape.

One has to steer a middle course. To breed from a small, immature pullet would result in poor fertility and low hatchability, but to use a fat-ridden, aged hen would give equally poor results. The ideal female is one which is fully mature, has obvious vitality, is well up in weight and has a properly shaped breeding body.

It may be that certain birds are at the moment unsuitable, but that they can be improved by the time they will be required for breeding.

Thus, a pullet hatched in the Spring of this year will, if she is not forced for laying, be old enough to breed from in January. Also, a fairly old but valuable hen which is now too fat may be conditioned within a month.

The Male's Age

WE do not like to define an age for the male, for present condition plays such an important part. For really good fertility he should not be less than eleven months old, nor more than two years.

We must not forget the important question of retaining, while they will still breed something, super-special birds which year after year have produced unbeatable stock. In our opinion, many eggs nor perhaps a high fertility, but such valuable birds should be retained until one breeds other birds of equal value.

Highest fertility comes from hens which moult easily and quickly, which have a youthful face free from wrinkles, which retain their activity, which possess a lean body, and which still lay well-shelled eggs.

The best hatching results come from birds which are single pen mated, i.e., only one cockerel in each pen with the hens. We would go so far as to say that where the birds are of sufficiently good quality the improved hatching results will pay for the erection of an increased number of pens of wire-netting.

Flock mating, i.e., running two or more cockerels in one flock, often gives uneven fertility, because of the frequent interference of a bird in the act of mating by the other males.

Alternate Mating Plan

FOR the very finest results it is an excellent plan to practice alternate mating, for then the eggs have the highest possible fertility and the chicks have supreme vigor. The idea is to have two cockerels for the one breeding pen, using one male one week and one the other, so that there is always one resting.

Now is the time to handle the birds from which the breeders shall be taken in order to observe body condition, progress of moulting and nearness to lay.

When moulting birds which will be used for breeders, it would be a good plan to select now and move them to their proper breeding pens. By doing this the birds will have settled down in their new positions when they return to lay after the moult, whereas, if they were shifted after they had returned to lay, not only would production be interfered with, but fertility would be reduced.

We must insist that only good breeding birds are used for breeding. Rather than mate up a few birds of doubtful quality, go to the other extreme of excluding all those which are the least bit questionable.

Every bird which will be used for breeding in the near future must be kept in a lean, hard condition and supremely fit. The grain should be carefully regulated in the morning and fed either in deep, loose litter or scattered widely on grass range.

Now is the time to plan the position of your breeding pens, choosing the areas on your farm which are most sheltered, protected and free from disturbance. An open, wind-swept situation is bound to lower fertility and hatchability. If there is no natural protection, erect shelters.

There is often much argument as to how many females to mate with each male, and it is well to realize that infertility may be caused by giving the male too few as well as too many. The number varies from six to fifteen hens per male, depending upon conditions.



PRIZE-WINNER AT LONDON DAIRY SHOW

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In texture, moss peat is spongy, capable of swelling considerably when soaked, and contracting as it dries. It will, however, hold moisture for a long time and loses it very slowly. On this account it is extremely serviceable on light, sandy soil which lacks humus, and it takes up and holds a large proportion of the rainwater which would otherwise escape rapidly into the subsoil and be lost.

Fine roots of plants attach themselves readily to the particles of peat and are able to absorb moisture from them as it is required. Its absorptive power is of great value to young seedlings in the early stages of their growth, and also in their later stages, when periods of dry weather are apt to severely punish crops growing on loose, sandy soil.

It has been stated that, because peat moss is so tenacious of moisture, it must be quite unsuitable for use on heavy clay soils, but, in actual practice, this contention is found to be unsound. The peat does take up the moisture, but in so doing it tends to relieve the clay of much of the water that would saturate through its finer particles. The swelling that then takes place has an opening effect on the clay which would otherwise be rendered more plastic and adhesive than before. Then, when dry weather sets in and moisture begins to evaporate, the peat is capable of replenishing its own loss of water by absorbing that which has been held by the clay, thus the time is postponed when drought will seriously affect the crops growing in the soil.

No Injurious Effect

A NOTHER great advantage of using peat moss is that it is soft and devoid of sharp, jagged edges. Consequently, tubers of potatoes, roots of carrots, parsnips and beet and the stems of celery can increase their dimensions without grazing and injuring their tender skin, as they so often do in sharp stony ground.

Peat should be thoroughly incorporated throughout the whole root zone of the plants. If young plants come suddenly into an extended bed of unadulterated peat, its natural acidity tends to cause a check of growth, but when thoroughly mixed with the soil, there is no danger in this direction.

A good time to dig in peat moss is when the ground is turned over for Winter sowing. It does no harm to the soil, and it does some kinds of fertilizers, and the small degree of decomposition that may take place before Spring will render it more serviceable to the roots of next year's crops than that which might be applied at the commencement of the growing season.

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The Farm and Christmas

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CHRISTMAS, 1936, should see a revival of this ancient Christmas toast. Those were the days when the value of the farm was universally recognized, but in the whirl of modern life the farm, as the sure foundation of material civilization, is apt to be forgotten. The word farm means food, and was so called because in older times the tenant was required to provide the landlord with food by way of rent. Today this definition has been considerably extended in that the farm supplies the nation with food, and without food, without the feeding of the multitude, it is not given to human beings to be able openly to express that spirit of universal kindness and peace and goodwill evoked by the teachings of the Master in the celebration of the festival of Christmas.

The connection between agriculture and Christmas has been intimate from the beginning. It was to shepherds watching their flocks by night that the words, "Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy," were addressed. It was in a lowly stable attached to a farm-khan that the Saviour of the world was born, and a few days later it was on the back of the most humble farm animal, the ass, that He was borne to Egypt in safety.

It was from the agricultural population mainly that the early Christians drew their adherents, and many years later it was over farms and orchards in the vicinity of Rome that the early Christians secured the country in search of holly branches to decorate their churches and dwellings at Christmastide.

Farm Furnishes Feast

MEANWHILE, the farm, as ever, continued to furnish the wherewithal for the feast, and at the same time, as centuries rolled by and towns became swarmed in their own activities, it was the farm that kept alive the kindly, ancient rites of the feast. Many centuries later, Charles Dickens restored to the townsfolk of England something of the joy and beauty of the spirit of Christmas which still flourishes among agricultural communities. Even today many of the ancient agricultural Christmas celebrations, as distinct from the towns, survive, some of them under limited conditions. There is Plough Monday, for example, which is still observed in several countries, including the British Isles. In olden times in Europe, Plough Monday marked the end of the Christmas holidays. It was held on the first Monday in January after the

Twelfth Day. It was customary on Plough Monday, before the ploughman returned to work on the following day, to draw a plough from door to door of the parish to collect "plough money," to spend in a frolic. The queen of the banquet was called Bessy.

Then there was the ancient feast of the boar's head, which still exists in at least three distinct communities in England—at Queen's College, Oxford, on Christmas Day, and at the annual Christmas banquets of the City of London at the Guildhall and of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers in London. The proceedings are much the same. Trumpets sound and the boar's head is carried in procession, escorted by chorists singing the old carol, "The boar's head in hand bring I." At the City of London feast, the master takes the lemon from the boar's jaws and at Oxford the Provost takes the orange and presents it to the principal singer. At the Cutlers' Hall, the president of the feast accepts the present of a pot of mustard, and extols the circumstances of the feast. This reference to mustard must be very old, because in a carol that had been in vogue for centuries before, Wynken, de Worde printed the words in 1521 A.D., the last line of which runs "The boar's head with mustard."

The Christmas Box

THE phrase "Christmas Box" originated in the early Christian times. It was really then a box which was placed in the church for promiscuous charities and was opened on Christmas Day. The contents were distributed the next day (Boxing Day) by the priest, and where the contributions consisted of cash were known as box money. However, farmers were accustomed to leave their contributions in kind—eggs, butter, flour, meat, and other agricultural products—much the same as the farmers of Quebec today place fruits at the church entrance on Thanksgiving Day, the results of the sales of which go towards masses for the souls of relatives. In many churches in Canada the accumulation of Christmas gifts is distributed in much the same manner as in the earlier Christian days.

And at this Christmastide as in the days gone by, the farm has furnished the chief necessities for the Christmas feast, such as the meats, the turkeys, the geese, the ducks and chickens, the cereal foods, the vegetables, the cream, milk, eggs, and cheese, not forgetting that many of the other essentials, the candles and confectionery, the stockings, cigars and cigarettes, are all of agricultural origin.

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Notes on Cultivation of Common Lilac

THE common lilac has been cultivated in this country for close on four hundred years, and during that period it has taken its place among the most popular and highly esteemed of flowering shrubs. It is worth noting at the outset that, for some unexplained reason, the botanical name of the lilac, which is syringa, has for many years been erroneously used by landscape gardeners as a popular name for the genus philadelphus. This has given rise to a great deal of confusion, but, unfortunately, the error is of such long-standing, and is so widespread, that it seems to be impossible to stamp it out. The mistake is all the more regrettable when one remembers that philadelphus already has a very good and descriptive popular name of its own—mock orange.

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I M M E D I A T E L Y the lights are turned on, the birds will jump from their perches and they should be fed in troughs, giving dry grain with a frequent change of soaked grain to maintain appetite. The birds should be allowed to eat as much as they can and drink water and eat shell.

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A PAGE FOR CHILDREN



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By AUDREY SAEGER



WAY up in the fells of Cumberland, not far from the Scottish border, is an old, old house, just how old, nobody quite knows. Many long years ago it belonged to an Earl of Derwentwater, who often used it as a refuge from his enemies. It is not tall and commanding, but rather low and rambling, of weathered stone, around it spacious grounds, only flower gardens, lawns and trees, but, kitchen gardens, fields, and streams, too—acres of them—from which the family obtained much of its food. Inside, the house is just like any other old country mansion, with shining old-fashioned pots and kettles, and such like, and tables and chairs and beds, all of rich, warm, dark brown wood, everything breathing an air of home, contentment, welcome. Years come and go, snows mantle the ground, only to fade and give way to green Springs, warm happy Summers, and Autumns glowing with the rich colors of the hills and valleys. But the old house stays on, storing memories away in its cobwebbed attics, hiding secrets in its dark, dank cellars and dungeons. Snows come and go, and with them many Christmas, each a little different from the one before and the one to come, but all with the same spirit. Christmas under James, under Charles, Christmas spent with the fear of enemies near, and loved ones in danger, Christmas under Victoria, joyous ones these, with no thought for the years to follow. Christmas under Edward, under George—and then under the shadow of war, happy hours again clouded by the thoughts of loved ones away from home. And so it goes. The old house has seen many celebrations of that glad day, and it must know many stories of happenings within its walls during the festive season. Let us ask it to tell us some of its memories.

"Yes," responded the house, "I do know a great number of stories, but I cannot tell you more than a few now. I have lived a long time, so long that some are but dim recollections, tied up with cobwebs and covered with the dust of countless years, tucked away in the farthest corners of my attics. I can just remember Winters spent in fear of enemies, when Roundhead and Royalist fought in my rooms, and hunted each other through my woods and around my lawns. Times, too, when the tiny door opening to the secret underground passage was kept well hidden, and the tunnel itself well used. They were grateful for it in those days, for it ran fully a mile or more from me before it opened out in a little valley secure from prying eyes. It was a proud day for me when my master the Earl used my passage to escape to the moors when the enemy soldiers surprised him. Then it too was used less and less, until it was all fallen in at the end by the little valley, and blocked up every now and then along its course. The cellar door was forgotten, and became practically invisible to all but the most curious of eyes.

"One day in the Christmas holidays of about 1853, children explored my passages. I had not known many children before, and my halls and rooms were glad to ring with their happy laughter. That Christmas began a new era. Up till then only a few of my many rooms were used, for I am really very large. But for many years after that, every Christmas my dozen and a half bedrooms that lay in claus through the rest of the year were opened up and used by the children. I became the old family house of the Waltons, a house to which the whole family came at Christmas, from far and near.

"It was Walton children who first rediscovered my passage, and though they could not go far down it, they spent many happy hours playing about its mouth. They were nine children and took great care of my old bones, though I was still strong and hearty. It was very interesting to watch them grow up, become handsome men and lovely women, then grow old, and eventually pass away. It was a little saddening, too. My dearest memories are of their Christmas, for they were the gladdest and most joyful.

"A Walton Christmas for me began weeks before, with the cleaning of my eighteen bedrooms for the expected guests, and the multitudinous preparations of food of all kinds. They were busy days those. Then about a week before the great day, various members of the separated family would begin to arrive from all parts, some even from abroad. By Christmas Eve I was full to overflowing with children and grown-ups, of every age and relationship conceivable.

"On the day of Christmas Eve, there would be building of snow forts outside for the grand battle the next day, in which everyone participated, except, perhaps, the old grandfathers. I remember vividly one day especially, when they were having a right royal war, the snowballs flying thick and fast. Often some hit my windows and walls, but no damage was done. How it happened they never really found out, but the lighters suddenly were inside me, and even in the drawing-room still pelted each other with hard-packed missiles, and then taking outside again for more. That was one of the most riotous days I have ever known.

"On Christmas Eve the children would be in bed early, and the grown-ups were not long in following. There would be roasting of fat chickens after dinner, while the older people drank their wine. After the children had gone, the carolers would come and recite the party with carols and hymns. Then the stockings hanging on the old oak mantelpiece would be packed full of intriguing crackly parcels, and as a short while all would be strangely still, and silent. I could almost hear the reindeer bells of old Saint Nick jingling through the stormy air.

"But, oh! the excitement and noise the next day. The children would have been up at incredible hours, but they must always wait till eight-thirty. Then they might open their stockings, but no presents for anyone till after breakfast, was the rule. Breakfast, however, you may be sure, did not last long, and there was such a happy time afterwards. There would be many practical jokes, too. One I remember in particular was in revenge of another, upon a jolly young uncle. 'Just what the first was I don't quite recollect, but the second is still very clear.

"Early Christmas-morning, two of this uncle's nieces banged on his door, and when he refused to get up, they filled their sponges with ice-cold water, and squeezed them over him. Of course, he sprang up immediately in righteous wrath, and clad only in a shirt, gave chase. They, just keeping out of his reach, vanished around the door, while he, striving to catch them and administer due punishment, did not notice what lay beyond, but tripped neatly over a cord stretched conveniently across the doorway, and plumed heading into a large flat bath of icy water, freshly drawn from the well. Oh, the howls of rage that disturbed the peace of the household that morning!

"At eleven o'clock, everyone who could went to church in the little town nearby, family, butler, maids, all but those who absolutely had to remain at home. Then, about one o'clock, they all came trooping back again to a hearty meal. Friends would drop in during the afternoon, and there would probably be guests for the magnificent dinner in the evening, climaxing a wonderful day. I could go on for such a long time, telling stories of the Christmas I have experienced, but this, as all those glad-some days, must end.

"My main wish for everyone is that many more may pass ere the shadow of war and slaughter again hovers over our country."

Note: The writer of this story is an English high school girl, not yet seventeen, who lives in Edmonton, Alta. It is hoped our Victoria girls will enjoy reading it as much as your editor did.

A Merry Christmas

HOW near it is. Only five days till you will know what Santa Claus has brought. Just a few days longer for sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers to keep the secrets they have been hiding for a long time from you and one another.

In a few days, as many as the littlest of you can count on your fingers, the home will be full of good things and love and happiness will fill all hearts.

Dear ones will gather, some from far-away places, to tell father and mother, and everyone of you how much they love you all. The older children will have finished the little presents they have worked at for so many hours when no one saw them.

But you must wait, and let Christmas love give in your hearts till there is no room there for any other feeling.

What a lot of you there are in this great, big world! In homes filled with all lovely things, in others where there is not so much, but still comfort and plenty, and in some where there is very little. And the wonder of it is that when the children are happy, these, for mothers and fathers love their boys and girls, and most of all the baby, with all the kindness and care that love can give.

But in the poorest home here there is no shelter so bare as the manger where the Baby Jesus lay long, long ago. He came to bring love and peace to the world, to show children how they could grow to be like Him and to give to each of you help to drive away bad thoughts and wrong feelings.

Then let none of us big or little, forget that the Master loved to see people happy. He sat with His friends at the table. He took the little children in His arms. He did not mind their noise, nor think them a trouble. It is right that children should keep His birthday with all that makes them and those around them glad and happy.

So, dear children, wherever you are, A Merry, Merry Christmas.

Barbara's Christmas Present: A Schoolgirl's Story

BARBARA Mitchell lived in the village of Happyville with her father and mother. The Mitchell family were very poor and Barbara was told she could not have the dog she wanted for Christmas. This disappointed Barbara and she wrote to Santa Claus:

"Dear Santa Claus—I am Barbara Mitchell, of Happyville Avenue in Happyville. My mother told me I could not have a dog for Christmas and wonder if you would bring me one. Love, from Barbara."

When Santa Claus got Barbara's letter, he did not know what to do. Neither he nor his little pixies could make real living things. The best thing he could do was to send his little pixies all over the country to look for a lost dog.

Meanwhile, Barbara would go to school and come home again looking very sad. She would hardly eat anything and would not go out to play. This made Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell very unhappy.

At last, one of Santa's smallest pixies found a little Scotch Terrier was out in a field all by himself. Santa was very pleased with the dog and the pixie that found it.

Barbara's mother bought her a small Christmas tree and a few decorations. Barbara enjoyed decorating the little tree but she said to her mother, "What's the use of having a tree if you haven't anything to put under it?"

Barbara went to bed early Christmas Eve and cried nearly all night. She did not hear her mother go out. Mrs. Mitchell went down to Santa's toy shop to see if he had a dog for Barbara. He did have and Mrs. Mitchell took it to save Santa the trouble of delivering it, because he had many other things to do.

When Barbara awoke and went to the tree she was surprised at all the presents there. For her was a Scotch Terrier from Santa, a leash and harness from her father, a wooden seat and hat from her mother. She also got from her friends some hankies, a box of candy, a bottle of perfume and a purse much loved by Barbara. Barbara enjoyed herself very much that day and did not promise never to act that way again.

M. Fleming

The young wife was on her first sleeping expedition and naturally felt very nervous. The shopkeeper tried to help her by suggesting various articles and finally said, "Would you like some nice new hosiery?" I think now I remembered the bride. You see, we keep a rag.



THE HOLY NIGHT

Yukon Brownies

A True Tale From "The Land of Christmas Trees"



N the Yukon years ago, at a Christmas tree concert, two little white girls, hand in hand, came on the platform and recited with a little lisp those four lines which many of you know:

"Make someone else happy,
Just try it and see.
And you'll be as happy,
As happy can be."

What a wonderful Christmas tree it was, and so proud, for had it not been chosen for the occasion from thousands of spruce trees that grew in the Yukon? Toys were given to each child, dolls, cradles, tops, trains, balls, and sacks of candy and nuts.

One of the ladies in the audience always remembered that Christmas tree and those little girls, with their message to all.

This Summer, while travelling on a small steamer on the Yukon River, a stop was made for wood. Five Indian children came on board at this place with their mother. Their father, whose name was William Pete, was a freeman on the steamer, and they were to travel a while day and night on her to another home. What queer looking brown-skinned children they were! There were three boys and two girls. The baby boy was carried on his mother's back in a birch bark carrier. He was too young to take in the surroundings. So long as mother fed him and kept him warm, so that he could sleep, what cared he?

To be on this large, open, larger than the biggest house that they had ever seen, was wonderful. Trees went by at such a rate, and William Pete, their father, was helping to make this big boat go along. Never had they tasted such good food. What a strange man the cook must be, more clever than the wisest man they knew, the Indian doctor, with his magic. Their mother, how kind she was. Pies and cake, everything in fact, was allowed them, with no fear of indigestion.

And then the only white woman on the boat came to have a peep at them. They crept behind their mother while she talked and asked their names.

When the white woman went upstairs, she sat and thought of those little boys and girls, and at Christmas time, "Make someone else happy. Just try it and see," but how could she do it? If only she had toys. "Make some, then," something seemed to say. She looked in her bag. All she had were two pieces of blue and white cotton, pearl shirt buttons and embroidery thread. From these she made two small dolls using pen and ink to make eyes, nose and mouth. The pieces of blue cotton made the sweetest dresses and bonnets for the two sister dolls. Were there ever such smiling faced dolls as these manufactured on the little steamer on the Yukon River? But what could she make for those two fine little brown-eyed boys? They must have something. All the cotton was used. If only she had a clothes pin or two but no. Then the pearl buttons, lying on the bed with the remains of the emptied bag, seemed to shine like twinkling eyes and say to the white woman, "Use us, but how?"

Very soon a valve was opened and a pair of black socks was seen out. "I could make two black cats if I only had something to stuff them with," thought the white woman. A man came along. Was there such a thing as cotton battie kept on the boat? No, but plenty of oakum. Good, good, so the little cats grew, such fatter, with big, bright pearl eyes, and such wonderful whiskers made from embroidery floss. One had a long tail and both had pearl buttons down the front. No Maltese or Persian cat ever looked so gay. And they could not scratch.

The little Indian children had never had toys before, their mother said. How they hugged them.

Later, when sleep time had almost come, one of the little lads holding out his cat, said

to his mother, in Indian, of course, "Not much good, give it to my papa." This caused a great deal of laughter. He had always been used to something alive, like the little pup that they had in their room with them. This cat could neither walk or growl, what good was it?

The warm afternoon came, and once more the white woman had a peep at the strange little passengers, who were to leave the boat in the night. They were on the lower deck, where it was cooler, and on a pile of canvas lay the two little brownies, each with his black cat firmly clasped to his breast and sleeping soundly. A touching little scene it was. Dinner time came, and then mother began to get things together. Very soon the Indian settlement could be seen, and with one long blast the steamer arrived at their new home. What a scrambling down the gang plank there was! Mother and baby, dolls, blankets and Willow Pete in charge of those lovely boys, each carrying his Yukon cat, and the girls their first dolls. "Good-bye," the white woman called. "Good-bye," answered the young Willow Pites, and "Gumashchee!" ("Thank you"), called out their mother. Those lines recited at the Christmas tree entertainment years ago had come true.

By some lonely camp fire in the Yukon, with frost-covered Christmas trees growing all around, the little Willow Pites will spend their Christmas. Will they know that it is Christmas and what Christmas means?

Perhaps when night comes, and the girls colored Northern Lights fill across the sky, Willow Pete will tell them what the white people have told him about Christmas.

The Christmas Spirit

By A BOY

If it were just a week or two till Christmas, all the year, Why, then, I'm sure I'd grow to be perfect, pretty near.

I'd never slight a duty that was waiting to be done, Nor fail to be polite and kind to each and everyone.

I'd answer "Thank you, sir" or "ma'am," and likewise, "If you please," and do so many things like those, And when I had a lot of secrets I'd give my playmates some.

As I do now when Christmas Day is just about to come.

Were Christmas always to arrive in just a little while, I know I'd never care to frown—I'd wear a pleasant smile—

And though somebody asked amid the fondest of my play If I could pause and help them, I would do it right away.

I'd always wash my face and hands, nor wait till I was told, On chilly winter mornings when the water seems so cold.

I'd be so kind and cheerful and obliging all the year, As I am now when Christmas Day is pretty nearly here.

But Santa Claus so I am told is watching all the time, With sparkling eyes the boys and girls of every land and clime.

He knows the ones that truly strive to do the things they should, And all the year, day after day, endeavor to be good.

If that's the case I'm half afraid he cannot bring me all I wish for, since now I recall The very many times when I was not so kind I fear.

As I am trying to be now, with Christmas almost here.

The Oak's Christmas

By M. GRASLEY-BICK



ANY years ago on Vancouver Island there was born a baby acorn. It was such a tiny thing nestling in the arms of its mother oak. He loved the little sunbeams that played hide and seek among the tender green leaves and the soft, warm breezes that tossed him about gently. As Summer passed he grew to be a sturdy little fellow and the breezes grew into strong little winds. It was such fun to play now, the wind tossed him so high in the branches.

"Toes me higher," said the acorn, and the wind tossed him so high he got frightened and couldn't hold on, and he fell down, down, down to the ground.

He wasn't frightened, for he knew his playmates wouldn't leave him and his mother was near, so he cuddled down among the Autumn leaves and fell asleep. The snow fell lightly and made a soft white blanket that kept him warm, and he slept on through the Winter months without waking.

Spring came again, the bright sun shone down and melted his blanket all away. He tried to rise, but found his legs had grown down into the ground and held him fast; tiny green shoots were coming out of his head and he looked so different to the acorn that had fallen asleep. He didn't mind, for he wanted to be like his mother oak, who smiled down on him with great pride.

"Keep your eyes heavenward," she said, "I want you to grow up straight and strong and be useful in this lovely old world." She added, "I know I'm going to be proud of you."

He stretched himself with pride and as Summer passed he saw his brother and sister acorns falling all about him and he felt like a big brother, so straight and strong and just one year old. So the years passed and he had grown to be a great oak tree, always looking heavenward with great strong arms outstretched, holding with tender care the birds' nests that held the precious baby birds. Through the rustling leaves he hummed a lullaby, hushing them to sleep while the mother birds looked for food. Children loved to play in his shadow, and he felt their soft cheek against his rough bark and baby voices say, "Dear old oak!"

In December the Winter turned bitterly cold. He stood like a great giant against a clear blue sky, the leaves, acorns and birds had all left him, and he mused: "Mother wanted me to be useful, rocking baby birds and throwing shadows over a small task for a big oak. I wish I could do something worth while. I would give my life to be useful."

And as the wind whistled through his branches he heard voices in the distance, men were coming with horses and sleighs. They stopped beside him and looked him over. "Man,

oh man, there are thousands of dollars in this old timer. I can see all kinds of polished tables and chairs and a thousand other things in that trunk of his," said one man. "The branches are worth their weight in gold to keep the poor children warm, and that's what we came for," said another. For days they chopped and sawed until he went, and like a great wounded giant he lay quite still on the ground. "I asked for this," softly murmured the oak. He noticed how fast the men worked sawing off his branches and loading them on the sleighs. He enjoyed the bob-sleighs slipping smoothly over the snow, the jingle of the sleigh bells and the merry whistling of the drivers. He was going in all directions, and finally dumped at the humble homes of the poor. How interesting all this was, everybody saying something different, yet all seemed to be alike—poor. Wan mothers smiled, children clapped their hands. With big tears in their dimmed eyes old people whispered: "Thank God for wood." Fires were lit in stoves and grates. Oh! the excitement of it all. Warm, numbing fingers, balled from pots and making the kettle sing. The jingle of bells was heard outside. Kind people came with a Christmas tree, hampers and clothing; they trimmed the tree and lit the candles, but the old oak outshone the candle light. He cracked and roared with delight; he roasted chestnuts and popped corn; he warmed the very hearts of the poor—he just couldn't help it—he stole the show. Little worn stockings were hung from the mantle and children cuddled happily together in sleep.

The oak was wide awake. He knew there was something else to see. Why all the stockings in a row? Softly the door opened and Santa Claus tip-toed across the room, filled the wee stockings with all sorts of things, and as he hurried away he looked longingly at the fire. The old oak grew tired and sleepy, flickered a moment and fell fast asleep in the ashes.

And in his dreams he was back in the forest again; he saw men saw his huge trunk into logs; he was taken away and sawed into boards, dried, planed and polished. He was made into beautiful pieces of furniture, mantles and clocks; he was carried into the homes of the rich. He felt baby feet running over the polished floor. He saw beautiful ladies, their jewels sparkling in the freight. This was his heaven, living among these kind, cultured gentle people, and as he grew older he knew he would be treasured and taken care of. He had seen them before when they brought hampers to the poor, and, like himself, had served them first.

This is the story of the oak, and children can see these oak trees growing in the beautiful Uplands in Victoria. And it is said that Captain Vancouver sowed the acorns when he landed at Cadboro Bay on Vancouver Island many years ago.

Christmas Merriment a Hundred Years Ago

AFTER the dinner table was removed, the hall was given up to the younger members of the family, who prompted to all kinds of noisy mirth by the Oxonian and Master Simon, made the old walls ring with their merriment, as they played at romping games. I delight in witnessing the gambols of children, and particularly at this happy holiday season, and could not help stealing out of the drawing-room on hearing one of their peals of laughter. I found them at the game of blind-man's buff. Master Simon, who was the leader of their revels, and seemed on all occasions to fulfill the office of that ancient potentate, the Lord of Misrule, was blinded in the midst of the hall. The little beings were as busy about him as the mock furies about Falstaff, pinning him, plucking at the skirts of his coat and licking him with straws. One fine flaxen-haired girl of about thirteen, now, blue-eyed girl of about thirteen, now, flaxen hair all in beautiful confusion, her frolic face in a glow, her trunk half torn off her shoulders, a complete picture of a romp, was the chief tormentor, and from the slyness with which Master Simon avoided the smaller game and hemmed this wild little nymph in corners, and obliged her to jump shrieking over chairs, I suspected the rogue of being not a whit more blinded than was convenient.

End of the Revels

WHILEST we were all attention to the parson's stories, our ears were suddenly assailed by a burst of heterogeneous sounds from the hall, in which were mingled something like the clang of rude minstrelsy with the uproar of many small voices and girlish laughter. The door suddenly flew open, and a train came trooping into the room, that might almost have been mistaken for the breaking up of the court of Fairy. The indefinable spirit, Master Simon, in the faithful discharge of his duties as Lord of Misrule, had conceived the idea of Christmas merriment or making, and having called in to his assistance the Oxonian and the young officer, who were equally ripe for anything that should occasion romping and merriment, they had carried it into instant effect. The old housekeeper had been consulted, the antique clothes-presses and wardrobes rummaged and made to yield up the relics of finery that had not seen the light for several generations; the youngest part of the company had been privately conveyed from parlor and hall, and the whole had been bedded out into a burlesque imitation of an antique masque.

Master Simon led the van as "Ancient Christmas," quaintly apparelled in a ruff and short cloak, which had very much the aspect of one of the old housekeeper's petticoats, and a hat that might have served for a village day of the Conquerors. From underneath this his nose curved boldly forth, flushed with the frost-bitten-bloom that seemed the very trophy of a December blast. He was accompanied by the blue-eyed romp, dished up as "Dame Minnie Pie," in the venerable magnificence of all long stomacher, peaked hat and high-heeled shoes.

The young officer appeared as Robin Hood, in a sporting dress of Kendal green and a lowering cap with a gold tassel. The costume, to be sure, did not bear testimony to deep research, and there was an evident

The Song of the Angels

AND there were in the same country sheep-herds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not, for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger—St. Luke II, 8 to 11.

Twilight and Dawn

The sun is sinking in the west, And soon we all shall be at rest; Night has come, and means to stay, Slips also keeps the light at bay.

It seems as if they're playing lag, Chasing each other beneath a rag; They always have and always will be Chasing each other beyond the sea.

—Vivian Baine

December Days at Quatsino

Banks of Gray Clouds and Snow-Topped Peaks and Pinnacles

By Robert Connell

THE Winter months are not, as a rule, chosen by tourists for travel on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. It has a reputation at that season for persistent rainfall, wild winds, and generally dirty weather, and such weather is not conducive to holiday enjoyment and the amenities of a pleasure cruise. You can't play deck games or dance out of doors when the boat is pitching and tossing and the rain is coming down in sheets; besides, the captain may have to skip half a dozen places, and what with missed sights and missed meals, where's your money's worth?

However, it is not always bad weather in the winter months, and the voyager from Victoria to Quatsino and back may enjoy some scenes that he will miss in summer. To see the lofty domes of the mountains about Nootka or Kyquoot Sounds while above with a fresh fall of snow, while their bases are a dark and sombre blue-black, is something worth remembering. The charm of the winter voyage is just this new aspect under which the wild scenery is seen and the surprises that come out of the banks of gray clouds, as they open to show some sudden grandeur of peaks and pinnacles. And certainly at no other season do the small Indian villages seem so brave and lonely, a row of gray huts along a shingle beach fringed with tribal totems and bound to the new age by a little church and perhaps a more pretentious school.

Tides of the Ocean

TOWERING above them are the dark mountains with their unbroken blanket of coniferous forest and in and out rush past them the tides of the great ocean through the narrow inlets. We boast of our command over Nature, but think of the Indian who braved these waters our landmen shrink from and made them his servants with canoes of hewn cedar and with tools of stone. Think how he won his livelihood from them by the ingenuity of his fishing tackle with its curious adaptability in every part, stored up in which was the fruit of his knowledge of the tides of the forest. Think, too, how the Indian acquired by experiment a knowledge of edible fruits and roots, their most suitable modes of preparation for food; how to the furs of wild animals he added cloth woven from the fibres of bark, and how in the midst of his struggle with his savage environment he developed his characteristic art and endowed with beauty tools, weapons, buildings, domestic vessels and dress. Seen from the steamer's deck the Indian village seems poor and mean, a few gray dots against a forbidding background of primeval forest and scattered along the cold gray waters. And such would all our civilization seem to a visitor from some other world as first he looked down upon it from the air.

A Lonesome Voyage

THE passenger on the West Coast steamer has little company when the tourist season is over. A few commercial travelers, in the spring the men who are on their way to the reclamation plant, and others whose business or duty takes them to one or more of the little harbors and coves with their villages—these are the steamer's patrons for the most part, or were on the two occasions, one in December, the other in April, I have been on board. Under these circumstances you are more of each other and of the officers, and the probabilities are that you will find it as interesting a company as you have ever been in and that you will learn a good deal more about your Island home and its extraordinary varied interests than you would under any other circumstances. You will have, in addition, the advantage of seeing some of the finest scenery along a coastline whose irregularity is extreme and the most absolute contrast to that of the whole American Coast from Cape Flattery to Southern Chile.

This irregularity of coastline in the north here is due to the fact that Vancouver Island,



A scene on the slopes of Mount Skagi, considered by experts one of the world's finest ski terrains, these skiers find the going to their liking. Powder snow of the Canadian Rockies is considered ideal for the flying sport and at those altitudes you are above timber line with plenty of room in which to carter. The Canadian Rockies is receiving much attention from skiers this winter in preparation for the Dominion meet of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association which will be held over the new Mount Norquay course, at Banff, March 5-8, with skiers from all parts of Canada and the United States entered.

IN WORLD'S FINEST SKIING COUNTRY

in common with the Mainland of British Columbia, is still a sunken area, as a result of the weight of the great ice-cap that covered the lowlands. But, though sunken, it is now several hundred feet higher than it was at the close of the glacial period, and is still slowly rising. A similar condition accounts for the irregularity appearing in Southern Chile, for south of latitude 40 South America had an ice-cap at the same time as ours. Recognizing this drowned shoreline as we proceed along our West Coast, we see that the innumerable sounds and channels are the submerged portions of old land valleys which have been deepened and scoured out by the action of glacial ice and are, in other words, what are known in the Scandinavian countries as "fjords," a name now commonly applied to them by physiographers and geologists, and in Scotland as "sea lochs," or "firths." Similar fjords are found in all coasts in regions affected by the last ice age. They are to be distinguished from a type of inlet which also is a submerged river valley, but which has not been subjected to ice action, such an inlet is known as a "ria," and is found in countries outside the range of ice-raps.

Brooks Peninsula

AFTER leaving the picturesque Kyquoot Sound, the steamer rounds the great headland of Brooks Peninsula, and after twenty miles north of Cape Cook enters Quatsino Sound. The mountains on each side rise boldly from the sea to heights of 2,000 feet or more on the south and between 1,200 and 2,000 on the north. Six miles wide at the entrance, the sound shortly narrows to about two and a half miles. South of Quatsino vil-

lage, twelve miles in, it widens out, enclosing Limestone Island, and then sends off a long narrow branch fifteen miles or so long known as the Southeast Arm. From Quatsino village the main waterway proceeds by a short and in part very narrow channel to the northeast, where it widens out into the West Arm, with its short eastern extension, Rupert Arm, and a length from end to end of twenty-eight miles.

While the steamer lies at Quatsino wharf and an exchange of greetings and news goes on between travelers and inhabitants, you may steal away for a look about the surroundings. And, by the way, it is to be noted that the proper name is not Quatsino, but "Kookwema," a name now appropriated by a small bay on the south just within the entrance to the sound, the site of a fishery plant. Like many other Indian names, this one suffered in the translation, and in its form of "Quatsino" does scant justice to the memory of the tribe whose name it is supposed to preserve and whose descendants still navigate the long reaches of the sound.

If, then, in your ramble you are attracted to the shore, you may get the same surprise that I did when I came across two or three dozen empty abalone shells lying in a corner of the rocks, their reddish outside and their pearly interior making together a charming piece of color on the dark rock. This particular species of abalone, smaller than the large Californian one, is peculiar to northern waters and extends around the North Pacific from Vancouver Island to Japan. Not many years ago the animal was a favorite food of the northern Indians, and I remember seeing racks of abalone meat drying at Alert Bay.

part of Brother John for so long that I had almost given up hope of ever playing it. But now the hour had come. I had never spoken a line on the professional stage in my life; how I was faced, at a moment's notice, with the task of getting through an enormous part in an enormous theater. I never stirred a muscle. I didn't care two pins. Those were the days when I had no nerves; they were to come with experience! I would give anything now to be as I was in those days.

I telegraphed home the marvelous news and summoned the family to London for the performance. My father alone failed to put in an appearance. "He said," I'll be hanged if I'll go and see him make an ass of himself!" Indeed, he never saw me in any play until ten years later. Then, having broken the ice, he never missed a new performance until his death.

Three or four times that evening before the curtain went up I was sent back to my dressing-room to alter my make-up. The fact was I found it difficult to make myself look old enough for the part. I was so bubbling with excitement that this had no effect on me.

My First Cue

ON the stage an actor said to me: "She's an angel." It was my first cue. I lifted my head, opened my mouth to its widest extent, and belched to the crowded gallery: "They are all angels. It is we men who make them anything else." I can quite believe that, at that time, I thought my lines were true. For an hour I comforted myself with all the optimism and enthusiasm of youth. Brimful of confidence, I was never in doubt as to what to do or that most of the applause was mine. Bring so utterly devoid of nerves or of any self-consciousness, I lived that hour to the full. It was the most thrilling hour of my life. I had found (as I thought) my vocation and believed that I could act. It was as well that I was unable to look forward and experience all the bitter doubts and self-misgivings that other of my performances were to give me. But that was my first chance, and being a boy I thought the world was at my feet. I certainly enjoyed my hour. Even now I can almost recapture its exhilaration.

It had one reward. At the end of the week I was handed an extra guinea. But I was also told that I was much too young for the part and must let myself be persuaded to accept a understudy. How, soon after, I contrived, in spite of this, to play the same part again, is another story. But I did.

Old Waits Were Watchmen

W E moderns connect the waits with Christmas, like carol-singers and pantomimes. The present-day waits make a transient and embarrassed appearance a week or two in advance of December 25 and display varying degrees of proficiency in their musical performances. But to the waits of olden times the festive season was just the same as any other. They played all the year round.

In 1792 Oliver Goldsmith noted that "on a stranger's arrival at the city a welcome to the voices and music of the city waits." That expression, "the city waits," is significant. It means much; as for centuries the waits were municipal officers, and highly-thought-of officers, too. Every town had its waits, as had each ward of the City of London.

Of a special celebration in the fair and ancient city of York it is recorded that the waits, preceded by the city waits in their scarlet liveries and silver badges playing all the way through the streets. This was in 1736. The liveries and badges were, of course, provided at the town's expense and after a morning of blowing and drumming the musicians were paid a meal. This too, was provided by their appreciative fellow-citizens. In many a municipal record occurs the word "waitment," meaning the viands supplied to the municipal musicians.

A foreign observer visiting England notes that "the cities maintain waits, who play at noon every day in the principal place of the city, and at all public feasts." It will be seen that the association of waits with Christmas, alone is of quite modern origin. The London waits were certainly active in the early part of November, for a record of 1553 tells us that "the new Lord Mayor went to Westminster with waits playing and trumpets blowing." These waits were notable players, and there is an amusing reference to them in Ben Jonson's comedy, "The Silent Woman." One of the characters speaks of a timid citizen who is terrified when he hears brazen and martial music, and adds: "The waits of the city have a pension from him not to go near his house." The cities were very jealous of their waits and did not allow them to entertain other places. In a municipal decree, dated 1487, a

At Quatsino the rocks are volcanic, porphyritic lava and reddish beds of volcanic ash. Down the Southeast Arm these are replaced by crystalline limestone or marble, commonly of a dark bluish color. As Dr. Dawson pointed out fifty years ago, this limestone appears to underlie the Arm and to be the reason for its profound erosion in the direction it follows. It has proved of great use in the operations of the pulp-mill at Port Alice and is associated with the occurrence of gold and copper in the neighboring mountains where there is a contact between an intruding body of diorite and the limestone and volcanics, the diorite being apparently the source of the minerals. My own interest being more in the finding of fossils, I made very diligent search in the quarried rock lying at Port Alice wharf, but without success.

As the steamer passes up the Arm towards Port Alice, the hills on each side rise with a steep slope. The underlying rock on the east side dips towards the Arm at about thirty-five degrees and upon the rock is a covering of dirt. Formerly thickly covered with forest, the hills are now largely devoid of timber, which has gone into the insatiable maw of the pulp-mill. The effect on the landscape when I saw it last is depressing in the extreme.

Looking Up the Arm

AT the Port itself, a considerable village, there is, however, a very fine view looking up the Arm to the south, where one sees a group of lofty mountains whose rocky summits rise well above the timber line. Up the hillside beyond the mill a road runs, becoming higher a pleasant forest road, and finally emerging on the shore of a very beautiful sheet of water, Victoria Lake. I first saw it on a December day, as delightful a one as we ever get here in Victoria, peaceful, mild and sunny. I had walked up with my host and hostess, the late Mr. Kretchen, the manager of the mill, and his wife, and as we came down to the little cabin built out over the water it seemed to me I had never seen so pleasing a scene. True, there were no picturesque precipices and so on, but the lake was like a mirror reflecting the dark wooded hills on the opposite shore and the blue mountain ridge beyond, while across the surface of the water in the distance lay a long line of silvery light.

Victoria Lake is about ten miles long and is connected by a very narrow channel with Alice Lake, about eight miles long, which again is connected with the much smaller Kathleen Lake and the still smaller Elk and Maynard Lakes by the Benson River. In the same way the Irvine River runs into Victoria Lake and then into Alice Lake, where it meets the waters of the Benson, and both together ultimately discharge into Rupert Arm. There is therefore a resemblance between these lakes and their connecting streams and the Arrow Lakes and the Columbia. It is interesting to note also that these lakes of the north not only parallel the Southeast Arm, but are situated at a higher level. Thus their relation to the Arm is structural and not physical. The lakes and Arm alike follow the strike or grain of the bedrock and have been hollowed out of it, the limestone, tuffs and other fragmentary volcanics assisting the process by their comparative softness. Existing as land valleys before the last ice age, they were deepened by the ice-cap as it passed to the northwest.

Examining Slide Earth

A FEW months before my last visit a slide had taken place, the result of a slight earthquake shock a few hours before, when the wet soil on the steeply sloping rock surface of the hillside, a little beyond the mill, and the accumulated debris in the valley of a small stream, slid swiftly down toward the sea and, crossing the road, completely buried a small house above the shore. I had an excellent opportunity of seeing the nature of the bedrock by this exposure and upon the slide in examining it. A hard black slaty rock was interbedded with a coarse and apparently fragmentary lava, and these were cut by innumerable veins of quartz. A pale-colored banded rock ranging from white to pink appeared to

be a rhyolite lava and occurred in dikes, as did also a porphyritic andesite with large crystals of feldspar.

The presence of iron oxide in the stream bed was very apparent as it was brought in by small side streams and precipitated in the main channel. At one place I thought I had found a pot-hole, but it turned out to be a basin in the gravel made by the swirling water which had plastered the inside with the iron so perfectly as to conceal the material of which it was made.

The steamer returns by Quatsino village to the open sea on its return voyage, but he who stays behind can take the trail from Port Alice to Coal Harbor on the West Arm. On a cold winter morning it is not precisely a comfortable trip, at least while darkness hides the scenery. However, later on one can see the shores and some of the physical discomfort is forgotten. There are remarkable glimpses of mountain ranges peeping over the forest, and the beds of limestone, often gently undulating as testimony to the pressure they have undergone in past ages, alternate with the wall of living green, where the cedars touch the salt water with their branches and are in-turn pruned to a neat, tidy by the waves. A small arm, at whose head is the river from Alice Lake, is passed on the right followed by Rupert Arm, and then we turn to the west and are soon in the little bay known as Coal Harbor.

The name, Coal Harbor, is due to the presence of coal in the Cretaceous deposits which occur along both Rupert and West Arms as well as on both shores of the Sound west of Quatsino, constituting what Dawson calls the Kookwema Coal Basin. A number of exploratory borings were made in this basin in the seventies and eighties of last century, but no sufficiently large body of coal was struck.

Around Coal Harbor

THE West Arm ends at Holberg, some twenty miles beyond Coal Harbor and the beginning of the Danish colony established there many years ago. Coal Harbor is also the starting-point for Port Hardy on the other side of Vancouver Island, where connection is made with the steamers on the "inside passage" run. Mr. and Mrs. Hole provided welcome and pleasant meals when I was there, and on the second occasion the influence of April was quite noticeable in their garden and the surroundings and in the singing of birds. Today the road is completed and you can motor through to the other side, but on both my trips walking was the mode of travel—and such walking! The first time was in winter. From the end of the trail at the Coal Harbor side the road then under construction was such a sea of mud that we walked in the water of the ditches rather than plough through the agglutinated stuff. There were patches of snow and a touch of frost in the air, and before we reached Port Hardy it was freezing rain. We had to take the boat across to the hotel, and by the time we reached there not only were we chilled through, but our wet clothing was frozen. On my last visit the road was still unfinished, but it had been completed for four and a half miles into Port Hardy. There remained still two and a half miles of the old pack-trail leading out of Coal Harbor, and this was followed by four or five miles of new road ankle-deep in mud. A car met us at the beginning of the good piece of road. How good it was you may judge by the fact that it took us forty minutes to cover the distance. Now, I am told, all that is changed and the cars run right from coast to coast expeditiously. There are no hills to tackle, for the country is low and scarcely any rock is seen except where about half-way the road cuts through diorite. A forest of conifers, among which the lovely fir is conspicuous in places, borders the road. In the lower spots are thickets of salmonberry, and the elevation of the land is visible, or if it is my preoccupation with mud and water prevented me seeing it. Of course all that is changed now. There is even a new Port Hardy replacing the old one of my first visit.

My Most Thrilling Hour

By Sir Cedric Hardwicke

WAS seventeen when I first came to London. Since boyhood my mind had been focussed on the stage. Very early I had discovered a tattered copy of Shakespeare's plays, copiously illustrated with queer engravings of old-time theatres and players, and spent hours learning pages of the plays by heart.

At that time my favorite room was the low-beamed kitchen of our house, not far removed from my father's surgery. Often the cries of his patients, in the throes of having teeth removed, were drowned by my blood-curdling simulation of some of the more lurid passages of Macbeth and Othello! No wonder my father frowned on my theatrical enthusiasm; his discomfiture was completed when one of his well-meaning friends presented me with a make-up box.

At my first day school I formed an amateur dramatic society; our first production was "The Merchant of Venice." Two years later, when I was fourteen, we hired the local theatre for three nights, and I appeared as Hamlet. Long after, my mother told me that Edmund Keefe, happening to be in Stourbridge at that time, had, quite by chance, seen my performance. The following morning he called on my parents and offered to take me on tour. This proposal my father regarded as the last straw. He decided that, once and for all, he must put a firm foot down on my theatrical nonsense. I was told that it was high time I started to think seriously of my future and to endeavor to follow his example by becoming a doctor. So, perforce, I had to take the rest of my schooling more or less soberly.

Tried for Hospital

TWO or three years later I sat for a qualification examination which, if I had passed, would have admitted me as a student at one of the hospitals. The papers were not difficult, but they proved too much for me, and my father was informed that I had failed to satisfy the preliminary requirements of the General Medical Council.

What was to be done with me? My father admitted at last that perhaps the stage was the only possible profession for such an ignorant

amus as myself. So, one afternoon, I travelled to London, and the following morning recited to Beethoven Tree and Violet Vanbrugh at the Academy of Dramatic Art. I emerged into Gower Street convinced that Tree would immediately offer me the leading part in his next production. True, I did, soon after, appear in one of his plays, but I am afraid I did little more than add a splash of color to the scenery of "Drake."

But my efforts at the Academy were sufficient to gain me admittance. There I soon discovered that many of my fellow students spent their evenings profitably enough by talking on in plays and musical comedies. Those who did not tried their best to obtain similar engagements. It was obvious that one could get both experience and remuneration by this, so I determined to do the same. In company with two or three others, I ventured my luck with various managements. My friends were engaged; I never was.

I am Not Suitable

ONCE Walter and Fred Melville gave me an audition. This consisted of walking across a naked stage one morning when the few stalls not covered with dust sheets were occupied by a handful of bored people. Nothing more was asked of me: I was told I was not suitable. A month or so later the Melvilles recanted and gave me another chance, and I was engaged at one pound a week to walk on in "The Monk and the Woman" at the Lyceum Theatre, the home, with Drury Lane, of pantomime and melodrama. Bated I wrote and told my father that I had started to earn my own living, was on the high road to opulence, and could manage without any further assistance from him. The morning following my elation, I wished I had not posted the letter; even more so when my father replied that he was taking me at my word.

We walkers on shared a common dressing-room; all of them were also understudies. One of the understudies, when called upon to prove his mettle, was found unsuitable. I read his lines to the stage manager and was given the part.

One afternoon, when I was working at the Academy, I was handed a telegram. It was from the Lyceum and read: "Your principal is ill, you play tonight." I had understudied the

part of Brother John for so long that I had almost given up hope of ever playing it. But now the hour had come. I had never spoken a line on the professional stage in my life; how I was faced, at a moment's notice, with the task of getting through an enormous part in an enormous theater. I never stirred a muscle. I didn't care two pins. Those were the days when I had no nerves; they were to come with experience! I would give anything now to be as I was in those days.

I telegraphed home the marvelous news and summoned the family to London for the performance. My father alone failed to put in an appearance. "He said," I'll be hanged if I'll go and see him make an ass of himself!" Indeed, he never saw me in any play until ten years later. Then, having broken the ice, he never missed a new performance until his death.

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W E moderns connect the waits with Christmas, like carol-singers and pantomimes. The present-day waits make a transient and embarrassed appearance a week or two in advance of December 25 and display varying degrees of proficiency in their musical performances. But to the waits of olden times the festive season was just the same as any other. They played all the year round.

In 1792 Oliver Goldsmith noted that "on a stranger's arrival at the city a welcome to the voices and music of the city waits." That expression, "the city waits," is significant. It means much; as for centuries the waits were municipal officers, and highly-thought-of officers, too. Every town had its waits, as had each ward of the City of London.

Of a special celebration in the fair and ancient city of York it is recorded that the waits, preceded by the city waits in their scarlet liveries and silver badges playing all the way through the streets. This was in 1736. The liveries and badges were, of course, provided at the town's expense and after a morning of blowing and drumming the musicians were paid a meal. This too, was provided by their appreciative fellow-citizens. In many a municipal record occurs the word "waitment," meaning the viands supplied to the municipal musicians.

A foreign observer visiting England notes that "the cities maintain waits, who play at noon every day in the principal place of the city, and at all public feasts." It will be seen that the association of waits with Christmas, alone is of quite modern origin. The London waits were certainly active in the early part of November, for a record of 1553 tells us that "the new Lord Mayor went to Westminster with waits playing and trumpets blowing." These waits were notable players, and there is an amusing reference to them in Ben Jonson's comedy, "The Silent Woman." One of the characters speaks of a timid citizen who is terrified when he hears brazen and martial music, and adds: "The waits of the city have a pension from him not to go near his house." The cities were very jealous of their waits and did not allow them to entertain other places. In a municipal decree, dated 1487, a

certain town ordered that the waits were to remain within the town, but were allowed to visit the abbey and priories within ten miles of the said town.

We do not doubt that these communities maintained their own waits, but great nobles and kings undoubtedly did. In royal processions and aristocratic mansions musicians patrolled the corridors and passages in the night marking the passing of the hours with soft music. These were called "waits."

Music in English Life

THIS kind of keeping time on the time was much more pleasant than the use of a strident alarm clock. But in those days music played a much greater part in the lives of the people than it does now.

Right up to the time of Cromwell the English were a musical nation. Children were taught to sing and to play some musical instrument as a matter of course. A young man or girl, whether gentle or simple, would have been ashamed to avoid ignorance of flute, pipe, or viol de gamba. The very inns and taverns had an instrument hanging up, so that any guest who felt inclined could entertain the company with his playing. Citizens met at each other's houses on an evening and rendered concerted music.

Rich men kept their own bands of musicians—witness the "infantile galleries" in so many Old Country mansions and in the halls of the London Guilds. To see how music permeated English life one need only read Chaucer. Everyone of his characters in the "Canterbury Tales" is an amateur musician of some power of accomplishment. So it went on from Chaucer's time through Plantagenet, Tudor and Stuart days until the Puritans came.

Occasions of Festivity

MUSIC thus being so much a part of the people's very life, it follows that the waits were important functionaries and esteemed according to their importance. Even the learned universities kept their waits, and when a certain monarch went to Oxford "the waits cheerfully and melodiously welcomed Her Majesty to the city with their best voices." From the reference to voices it will be clear that the old-time waits were vocalists as well as musicians, unlike their modern descendants.

The modern waits do not attempt to sing, leaving vocal efforts to the children, who treat us to "Hark! the Herald Angels" and "Christmas, Awake" in sundry keys, for about six weeks before Christmas, and to the various bobbies who go out carol-singing for charity or to raise funds for some church.

This reminds us that in bygone days the city waits would reinforce the church choirs on special occasions. They were in great demand for weddings. The waits not only played and sang during the service, but also at the subsequent festivities.

In fact, at any time of rejoicing, whether public or private, these popular musicians were prominent. At Christmas time, of course, when the seasonal festivities lasted all through to Twelfth Night, they were very busy and were proportionately rewarded. Nowadays, alas, the Christmas season is the only time when the successors of the original waits are heard.

Old-Time Instruments

THE moderns do not play on the same kind of instruments as their predecessors. These were skilled craftsmen on the sackbut, on the hautboy on the pipe, on the flute, on the lute, on the harp, on the fiddle, and on other musical instruments of which the modern generation does not even know the name. Today's waits are content with brass, and do not play stringed instruments as of old. The old "wand" was a wand and more or less in tone than modern horns and trombones, and the use of percussion instruments, like drums and tabors, added considerable variety to the ensemble.

A Break for Skiers

ATTRACTIONS of this Italian Winter sports centre are to be increased by the new wire-rope railway that will render Monte Prativate, over 2,800 metres high, easily accessible to skiers.

The new wire-rope railway, shortly to be inaugurated, will be added to the two others already in existence and skiers will be able to reach the three principal grounds around the mountains of Snow, the Banquette and the Prativate.

Pride is of such intimate connection with ingratitude that the actions of ingratitude seem directly provokable into pride as the principal reason of them.—Boswell.

Our Island, Past and Present

By Major J. F. L. MacFarlane

SHORTLY before Christmas, in 1887 I was sitting on the veranda of our mess bungalow at Ahmednagar, Bombay District, with some of my brother officers enjoying our after-breakfast smoke. The mail orderly arrived with the English mail. Everyone got hold of his letters. There being none for me, I turned on my favorite paper, The Field, and for some time silence reigned.

As I got through the pages I came to the part devoted to travel and, to my surprise, an account of a trip in a sloop along the East Coast of Vancouver Island, in which a gentleman, accompanied by his wife, described how they had come to the estuary of a river, and enticed by the beauty of the place, let go the anchor and decided to remain there for a few days.

He described the beautiful cedar trees growing nearly to the water's edge, the deer coming down to drink the salt water, looking at them with their soft wondering eyes as if they had never seen a human being before.

As he sat there on the deck smoking his pipe beside his wife, enjoying the beauty of the scene, a sea trout leaped close to him. They got out their fly rods, his wife being an expert as well as he in the art of fly-fishing. In a very short time they caught sufficient for their evening meal and their breakfast next morning.

When they explored the country immediately adjacent, they found numbers of grouse, willows and blueberries.

When I got to the end of the story I exclaimed: "By Jove, that's the place for me, I'll get there before I die."

"What the devil have you got hold of, Mac?" said someone. "Listen to this," said I, and I read it out to them.

"Where in the name of goodness is Vancouver Island?" said another. "Somewhere on the West Coast of America," said I, "I believe."

"So we got an atlas and discovered that Vancouver Island was a British possession!"

Mapping of Route

On a further study of the atlas we found that the only way to get there, which puzzled us, was to go round Cape Horn, that

is, if we wanted to go there from England, or to go through Canada or the United States. "That," said one fellow, "would take years." "Well," said another, "one could go by Australia, but if you just wanted a sporting trip, your six-months' leave would be up before you could get there and back. 'Nix for me!'"

Since that day in 1887, "much water has flowed beneath the bridges," as someone has said. Time went on. I got married shortly after retiring from the cavalry service and settled down in Ireland, breeding horses—hunters and sheepdogs—which I trained and rode myself, winning a fair proportion for friends who paid me the compliment of asking me to pilot their horses.

When I was not on the outside of a horse I was generally carrying my gun or fly rod—two or three weeks staying in Scotland; later on grounds driving on the Dublin or Wiltshire Moorlands. In frosty weather the woodcocks of the County Tyrone attracted me, but, of course, the main thing was hunting with the Ward Union Staghounds, the Meath Foxhounds, and sometimes the Kildare Hounds.

Notwithstanding my love of sport, I did my duty as a citizen of Queen Victoria's kingdom, sitting as a Justice of the Peace at Petty Sessions and Quarter Sessions for twenty-two years, and also as Poor Law Guardian.

In 1898 I found I had been robbed by an unscrupulous lawyer, and before I could get any satisfaction out of him he died, his assets being almost nil. His widow was left in penury.

Coming to Alberta

I CAME to Canada, took a homestead in Alberta, bought more land from the C.P.R. at \$3 per acre, and some from the Government, 440 acres in all.

The land was most fertile—deep black loam—would produce enormous root crops, without any manure, and, of course, wheat and oats. However, I could not feel at home there. Americans were coming in all around, with whom I had no ideas in common. After five years I got an offer and sold out at a good figure, and started for Vancouver Island.

The season was late that year, and the day we left there had been a fresh fall of snow, renewing the wintry look of the country.

We arrived at Victoria on May 8, 1903. It was like coming to a new world! The fruit

trees in full bloom, gardens ablaze with flowers, primroses, violets, roses, etc., none of which we had seen since we had left dear Old Ireland. I took a walk along Government Street. When I got to the Postoffice I beheld a magnificent building across the water of James Bay. I asked a man who was going in the same direction as myself what that building was. He laughed. "Why, the Parliament House," said he. I told him I was a stranger, that I had seen many public buildings in many parts of the world, but never one to equal the one we gazed at.

We proceeded across the Bay for a closer inspection, our olfactory nerves being much offended by the odors arising from the mud, it being low tide at the time. We went around the building. The quality of the stone and the workmanship still further excited my admiration. I am a judge of granite, having had large quantities of it in County Dublin.

I was surprised to find that although Victoria is on a granite formation, the quality required for this building could not be found nearer than on an island many miles away.

My companion and I returned across the

Bay, inhaling another instalment of scent, which was "not like violets." "Lead me," said I, "to some place where we can find an antidote to that foul gas which still stinks in my nostrils." He conducted me to a bar called The Windsor. At my request the necessary medicine was served. The polite attendant, to my agreeable surprise, placed before us a bottle of the best blend of Irish whiskey that was ever put in a bottle, or down the throat of a mortal man.

I spent a few weeks in Victoria inspecting the country available by the Sidney railway through the Spanish peninsula, and north by the E. & N. One day at Sidney I had a long conversation with one of the principal residents, describing what my requirements were as to land. "Talk was dry work," I said, and asked him to come and have a drink. Having had a longish walk I was glad to sit down, so we sat and continued our conversation.

Some Old Friends

YOU remind me very much," said he, "of a man who was out here last week. He had been in a cavalry regiment and was now a provincial land surveyor, but I can't remem-

ber his name. It was a double one. "Rather vague," said I. I repeated over all the double names that I could remember, such as "Heron Maxwell," "Pleydel Bonverie," and so on. "Livingston Thompson." "That's the name," said he. My dear old pal, whom I had heard nothing of for many years, and thought he was dead!

All I could ascertain was that he was a P.L.S. and lived in Victoria.

Next morning I got a directory of sorts and ran him to ground in the McGregor Block which was afterwards absorbed in The Colonist offices.

Needless to mention the delight we felt at such a meeting. I had known him from childhood. He was a man that everyone liked. The men of his troop in the 11th Hussars were devoted to him.

Well, after we had got over our mutual expressions of gratification at finding one another again, "Come up to the club," said he. As we walked along, I asked him where I might find a Captain Talbot, as I had a letter from a mutual friend telling me to look him up. "Why," says Thompson, "here he is," and we met Talbot, who explained that he was on his way to Thompson's office to ask if he knew where I was to be found. So the three of us continued our walk to the Union Club. There I was introduced to Charlie Vernon and his brother Forbes.

"Well," said I, "this is the funniest thing that has happened to me. Here we are, five Irishmen drinking Irish whiskey." "Say six," said another, coming forward. "My parents were both Irish, so I'm Irish," and I was duly introduced to "Dick" McBride.

In my journeyings by the E. & N. I came across another fellow-countryman, Arthur St. George Flint, whose people I knew in Ireland. He was in the real estate business.

Through him I got hold of a 100-acre lot at Mill Bay, and when I got settled here and I inspected the waterfront in Victoria and I became possessed of a Columbia River sloop—fitted with a centre board, new canvas, and in fine order. I found her a fine sailer, could go as near the wind as any yacht in Kingtown Harbor, and stand up in heavy weather, too. No more pleasant way to spend a few weeks can be found than cruising through the Gulf Islands and along the shores of Vancouver Island.

I was in hopes of finding that estuary I had read about in The Field thirty-six years before. I found one place very much like it, allowing for the changes the years would entail.

Beauty Remains

THIS was the mouth of the Chenamus River. I could well imagine what it was like before it was settled up, but the beauty remains. It is all a lovely country.

I anchored one evening at the mouth of the Little Qualicum. High water was due after midnight. I was awakened by the sound of splashing, and looking over the side the water was alive with salmon. There was an old Indian, the only one there, "Qualicum Tom." I paid him a visit next day. He was busy with a wheelbarrow, bring in salmon which had been drying in the sun for some days previous, piling them on rough tables in a big barn-like structure about fifty or sixty feet long and thirty feet wide. The stench was awful. "Hey, Tom," said I, "what you do with them?" "Eat 'em," said Tom, "cheap good, Skewum fish, cloches come, put in canoe, take up away."

He made quite a business of it, curing (?) fish for his brethren along the coast. What kind of a stomach has an Indian?

I explored the country along Qualicum Beach. Not a house, not a human being to be seen where now are hotels, a golf course—in fact, one of the finest settlements for Summer vacationers on our island.

Shortly after I was in Victoria, and looked on at the pumping in of the mud of James Bay onto the site of the Empress Hotel. Numbers of people criticized the "lunatic idea." "Such a mad thing, trying to make dry land out of that beastly swamp"—such were some of the remarks I heard.

The time came when the building took their attention. "They'll never half fill it," was said, but to the astonishment of all, the C.P.R. had to build an annex.

Look at it now! In this A.D. 1936. More power to the C.P.R., who connected the Atlantic Ocean with the Pacific, making Canada what it is.

What would British Columbia be if there was no railway over the Rocky Mountains?

Just think of that.

What a pity they did not make their terminus at the Capital City.

The Story of Our Decorations



STRANGE as the association may seem, our Christmas decorations carry us far away from the crib at Bethlehem back to the very dawn of history.

Long before the Christian era, the pagan tribes of Europe made use of evergreens at their mid-winter festivals in honor of the sun god. Ancient writers also tell us that the barbarous tribes of the German forests had a custom of hanging evergreens about their rude dwellings so that the spirits of the forest might hide in them during the long cold winters.

Unimpaired by cold or frost. Later, in the Middle Ages, there was the tradition that elves and fairies joined the Christmas feasting at the great castle halls, hiding in branches festooned about the rafters. In those days, however, it was bad luck to bring the evergreens into the house before Christmas Eve, and, by the same token, was betide those who let any decorations stay up beyond Candlemas Eve.

"Down with the holly and ivy all Wherever ye dress the Christmas hall, So that the superstition find Not one least branch there left behind; For look, how many leaves there be So many goblins ye shall see."

Hence the reason why we still insist that all Christmas decorations disappear by New Year.

Legends inform us that yew and cypress, when used at Christmas time, are emblematic of immortality, the fragrant fir yields a sort of incense, while laurel and bay have been used as a symbol of triumph since the historic days of Greece and Rome. Ivy, however, was not allowed a place in Christmas decorations in Britain, it being banished outside the house, and many old songs tell of the rivalry between the holly and ivy.

"Holly standeth in the hall, Ivy stands without the door; Holly and his merry men they dance and sing, Ivy and her maidens weep and handle ring."

Even our Christmas tree has pagan ancestry, for the idea of a decorated or illuminated tree is most ancient, having been brought down from the old religious ceremonies of Rome, China and Babylon. As far as the traditional British Christmas is concerned, the Christmas tree, despite its widespread popularity, is a comparatively newcomer, as it was only introduced from Germany into England during the previous century by the Prince Consort.

PULLING A CRACKER

It Represents Fifty Trades

EVERY time you pull a Christmas cracker you are bringing employment to some fifty trades. There can be few articles so cheap, which yet embrace the labor of so many different industries. Take a cracker to pieces and you will find, unless it is of the cheapest sort, that it is composed of upwards of a dozen different pieces of paper, lightly gummed. Each of those pieces is the product of a different maker.

The detonator strip is itself a specialist job, and one of two firms make nothing else. The box is specially supplied in many cases, the colored label represents the work of artist and printer, the frosted "spangles" on the cracker, known in the trade as flittering, the gold paper braid, the picture or ornament on each cracker—all mean work for sundry trades. The paper for the cap comes from another source, while the top, or novelty keeps scores of men busy from Birmingham to Peiping, to say nothing of the artists who draw the words for fresh novelties every year.

Motto Makers

EVEN the paper for the motto strip is a specialist-order. School teachers, counsellors, clergymen, and one or two quite well-known writers are among the regular motto-makers. One of the best, an elderly man who has written 7,000, is a barrister. Recently in Tom Smith's workshop, I watched crackers being made by batches of

girls (writes a Tit-Bits man). Nearly all the work is by hand. It takes six months to train a girl to make crackers at a profitable speed. A proficient worker will turn out between 300 and 800 in a working day.

The principle, whether for a "Tom Thumb" model no bigger than a cigarette, costing less than a penny each, or for a specially ordered "monster" seven or eight feet long and eating ten guineas or more, does not vary. The outer and inner papers are lightly gummed together with the detonator strip between; they are then rolled round an aluminium tube. One end is deftly twisted, the tube is withdrawn, leaving the hat or novelty in the centre portion of the cracker, and the other end is twisted. The cracker is then complete save for the flittering process.

A pretty job to watch. A girl sits before two files of red and green "spangles." With a small brush she draws Chinese designs on the outside of one type of cracker, then takes a handful of spangles and instantly a green or red pattern appears as if by magic.

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Training a Falcon

IN your issue of Sunday, December 13, an article by a Toronto writer on this subject gives a wrong impression.

First of all, it is stated that this particular falcon is taken out on the back of a car, unhooded. If the hawk did not kill itself from fright it certainly would damage some of its wing feathers. Also, if a hawk has become so tame that it can be carried as stated, then it is worse than useless for the purpose for which it is intended, viz., flying at game.

A hawk will come to the lure, but for a hawk to come when called hardly sounds credible.

A lure is usually made of a horseshoe, being too heavy to carry away. The horseshoe is well padded and made quite soft, and pigeon wings attached, and on the back of the lure a piece of raw meat is tied. The lure is then soft enough to prevent the hawk being hurt when the hawk stoops down at the lure.

A falcon is said to "stoop" when it dives down like a bullet at its prey.

There are two kinds of hawks. The true falcon or long-winged hawk, and the true or short-winged hawk.

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Upon a Midnight Clear

ABRIGHT, clear night it was, the atmosphere sharpened by a frosty tang. Myriads of stars twinkled in a darkly beautiful sky. The mother, with the last stocking filled, and the last glittering bauble fixed upon the Christmas tree, dismissed to bed Old Fan, our faithful and long-suffering Abigail, and stepped out of the front door to breathe for a few moments the cool, invigorating air of the night.

Tempered by the still beauty of the night, perhaps in response to an inward urge to escape, if only for a little while, the environment of family cares and problems, that oppressed her mind, she walked to the end of the garden path, and awaited the homing of the "head of the house" (men were that).

She was, attending a reunion of "old caribbeans" and not expected to return before midnight.

Standing there, her arms resting on the top of the garden gate, her mood one of brooding introspection, she was suddenly swept by a surge of mental agitation that her state of health at the time might possibly be accounted for. It was, she assured herself, that an additional child in the family circle would be unwelcome, but coming after a lapse of several years a like event had taken place, and with five children already growing up around her, she undoubtedly felt resentful that the settled groove of her life should be disrupted, added to which, a morbid, secret conviction that it was forsworn she would not survive the ordeal ahead of her, in no wise conduced to a cheerful frame of mind.

She roused from her troubled thoughts as a man turned the corner of the street and walked in her direction, his footsteps echoing on the pavement. She knew from his walk that it was not father, and as he drew nigh, she recognized him as Mr. Bennett, a well-known neighbor who lived a few blocks away.

He stopped to chat awhile and exchange the usual seasonal greetings, then saying "Good night," was about to pass on his way, when mother gave a strange, gasping cry and pointed upwards over his shoulder. Whirling round, his eyes following her indicating arm, Mr. Bennett was stricken almost petrified at the sight of what appeared to be a celestial visitation.

On Silvery Wings

ABOVE the housetops, high in the heavens, outlined against the starry sky, a shining, barely discernible form, borne between widespread silvery wings beating in rhythmic union, was descending towards the earth.

Startled into immobility was mother, as through her mind there flashed, like an electric current, a visualization of a night two thousand years ago, when "Angels bended near the earth," to bring a message of peace and goodwill to men.

Spellbound they watched the regular sweep of the snowy wings—headed like steel to a magnet towards their prey, as if they were only inhabited the world. Strangely, mother was conscious of no fear, but stood transfixed in an ecstasy of beatific emotion.

As nearer came the angelic vision, Mr. Bennett broke from his cataleptic-like rigidity. Dashing off his hat, emitting a whimpering squeak of fright, he vaulted the garden fence and sank to his knees on our lawn, whispering fearfully, "The second coming! The second coming! Lord, I am not ready. Give me a chance to amend my ways, O Lord," and buried his face in the frosted grass.

Still mother stood in a kind of rapturous trance, unheeding—unseeing—until, but once descending without form, utter, all the white feathered pinions fluttered pulsatingly to earth in our garden—obliterated overcame her.

A Second Coming!

AND father, arriving home but a few seconds later, as the midnight chimes were pealing, his mind agitated and mellowed by the festive season, and carrying a bottle whose contents he always insisted must be matured twenty years in the wood, received

what he averred, even to the end of his days, to be the greatest shock of his life, and was like to drop the precious bottle, on beholding mother, never an easily perturbed woman, lying in a deep "awound" by the garden gate, and neighbor Mr. Bennett kneeling on the lawn his incoherent babblings about a "second coming," interspersed with fervent vows to henceforth lead a blameless life—whilst his arms encircled a great great swan.

Awakened by an unwonted commotion, we children scrambled out of our beds and rushed helter-skelter downstairs, the one consuming thought amongst us being that by some miracle the hitherto legendary and elusive Santa Claus had at last been caught by the heels or (more hopeful thought) by his pack on the wide hearth before the open fireplace, where, each in its owner's choice of position, our stockings were draped on the fence-like "guard" that protected us boisterous youngsters from the flames.

We came upon a scene that yet remains an ineffaceable, panoramic memory. Mother, still unconscious, being put to bed by Old Fan, chastely garbed in a red flannel petticoat and a "crossover" hastily donned over her calico nightdress the ensemble topped by a spiky crown.

Long before the Christian era, the pagan tribes of Europe made use of evergreens at their mid-winter festivals in honor of the sun god. Ancient writers also tell us that the barbarous tribes of the German forests had a custom of hanging evergreens about their rude dwellings so that the spirits of the forest might hide in them during the long cold winters.

Unimpaired by cold or frost. Later, in the Middle Ages, there was the tradition that elves and fairies joined the Christmas feasting at the great castle halls, hiding in branches festooned about the rafters. In those days, however, it was bad luck to bring the evergreens into the house before Christmas Eve, and, by the same token, was betide those who let any decorations stay up beyond Candlemas Eve.

"Down with the holly and ivy all Wherever ye dress the Christmas hall, So that the superstition find Not one least branch there left behind; For look, how many leaves there be So many goblins ye shall see."

Hence the reason why we still insist that all Christmas decorations disappear by New Year.

Legends inform us that yew and cypress, when used at Christmas time, are emblematic of immortality, the fragrant fir yields a sort of incense, while laurel and bay have been used as a symbol of triumph since the historic days of Greece and Rome. Ivy, however, was not allowed a place in Christmas decorations in Britain, it being banished outside the house, and many old songs tell of the rivalry between the holly and ivy.

Even our Christmas tree has pagan ancestry, for the idea of a decorated or illuminated tree is most ancient, having been brought down from the old religious ceremonies of Rome, China and Babylon. As far as the traditional British Christmas is concerned, the Christmas tree, despite its widespread popularity, is a comparatively newcomer, as it was only introduced from Germany into England during the previous century by the Prince Consort.

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PULLING A CRACKER

It Represents Fifty Trades

EVERY time you pull a Christmas cracker you are bringing employment to some fifty trades. There can be few articles so cheap, which yet embrace the labor of so many different industries. Take a cracker to pieces and you will find, unless it is of the cheapest sort, that it is composed of upwards of a dozen different pieces of paper, lightly gummed. Each of those pieces is the product of a different maker.

The detonator strip is itself a specialist job, and one of two firms make nothing else. The box is specially supplied in many cases, the colored label represents the work of artist and printer, the frosted "spangles" on the cracker, known in the trade as flittering, the gold paper braid, the picture or ornament on each cracker—all mean work for sundry trades. The paper for the cap comes from another source, while the top, or novelty keeps scores of men busy from Birmingham to Peiping, to say nothing of the artists who draw the words for fresh novelties every year.

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Great Britain and the Dominions Overseas

Foggy Dartmoor Hardest of All Jails for Escape

No Prisoner Ever Got Safely Away From Great Penitentiary—Gang Murder in London Infrequent—Streamlining the Underground—Puzzle for the Lawyers

LONDON (BUP).—"Convict escapes from Dartmoor." That was the newspaper placard on the London street one day this week. "Dartmoor convict recaptured," followed next morning. To most people in this country, not only of the underworld, the word Dartmoor conjures up only the great convict prison set upon the Moor in South Devon; a place, except for a short summer, of sudden fogs and rain and snow and bitter cold; of grey granite and grey quarries; of working parties of prisoners outside the walls under the eyes of armed warders; of Civil Guards, carbines in crook of arm, standing here and there on vantage points. A place of damp and deadly gloom from which no men may escape—for long.

FREE FIVE HOURS
The prisoner of this week who "escaped" had his liberty but a short five hours. Slipping away from his gang in a sudden fog such as is common on the Moor, he was defeated by the fog. For five hours he wandered in circles, only to surrender when the fog lifted and be taken back exhausted to the place whence he came.

It is curious that escapes from other jails never give to the townsman the thrill which an escape from Dartmoor gives. No man yet has really escaped from "the Moor," at least, only one. He was never heard of again. Probably he perished in a morass.

FOR WAR PRISONERS
When we were at continental war with France a place had to be found to incarcerate prisoners of war. So the great place on Dartmoor was built for them; American prisoners of war of 1812 went there, too. The wars came to an end. There about 1857 it occurred to someone to use the place—for many years empty—as a convict prison. Only the worst and most confined type of offender was, or is, sent there. Most of them are long-termers; they get away in the sudden fogs characteristic of the Moor, and they take to the Moor itself, not knowing, or desiring, its dangers. Tales of heather and huge granite boulders and great trees surround the runaway. Water courses and small rivers run in all directions. In many parts seemingly bottomless bogs—mires—surround the place, even as they sometimes do the wild ponies born and bred there. Not a human habitation is within sight. Dusk falls; giant outcrops of granite weathered into fantastic shapes loom up against the sky. Hunger, terror, cold, collapse. The search parties find him; then he goes back through the great green granite gateway with its inscription of 1812—"Parcere Subiectis"—spare the vanquished. They don't on Dartmoor.

But the Cockney enjoys the story in London.

LONDON GANG MURDER
From Dartmoor to London, but still in the criminal world, we don't get many gang murders in London, but now and again we get a fatal affray suspiciously like one. The police get busy, the judges get bustle and the pseudo gangsters retire from public life for a while. They don't as a rule go to the Court of Criminal Appeal. The judges of that tribunal are a disquieting power to increase sentences.

Nevertheless, in London there are gangs of a kind, whether regularly constituted or operating merely ad hoc. Not more than three or four months ago there was a fatal business at a dog-racing stadium; warfare broke out, Jockies, knuckledusters, razors and what not appeared. Two brothers—"voies" from the unpleasant district of London we call "Little Italy," were the victims. One died, the other was badly wounded. Then we had a touch of the trans-Atlantic in London. A magnificent coffin, a lying-in-state, mountains of most costly flowers, mean streets thronged to watch the funeral procession leave an Italian church.

Arrests followed—and a subscription to pay for the defence, reputedly about \$10,000. Anyhow, the accused had the advantage of the help of many lawyers. Two of them were K.C.'s. One of these was Mr. Norman Birrell, "hero" of many a famous murder trial. The other, Mr. Hector Hughes, the only double-barrelled K.C. I know of, as he is of that status at both the English and the Irish Free State bars, and well known, I believe, in Canadian legal circles.

STREAM-LINING AD LIB.
Nearly everything on wheels is being stream-lined nowadays—motor cars, express locomotives and trains, airplanes. And now the London Passenger Transport Board is following the fashion and is to streamline and otherwise improve our Underground (subway) trains. Also we are to travel faster and stop more quickly in the bowels of London, and more of us at a time and with less noise.

The new stream-liners being built will accelerate at the rate of two miles per hour per second as against 1.25 m.p.h. per second hitherto. They will brake at three m.p.h. per second instead of at 1.75. And the horsepower will jump 900 to 1,650. Instead of motor compartments at the end of a car the motor will be beneath the floor thus providing extra seats. Six cars will hold what

This Hen Clucks On Coming Near To Lost Radium

LONDON (BUP).—A "radium hen," which can locate radium containers when they are mislaid, is being shown at the Public Health Exhibition here. The device consists of a rod attached to an amplifier and loud speaker. It emits loud clucks when the search for the lost radium gets warm.

"TALKS" TO ANIMALS IN SYDNEY ZOO

Hubert Lee Has Remarkable Control Over Many Wild Beasts

NONE DANGEROUS IN HIS COMPANY

SYDNEY, N.S.W. (BUP).—Hubert Lee, "zoo man," has become so friendly with the animals in Taronga Park here that the animals not only obey his commands, but several of them, he claims, talk to him.

"It is certainly remarkable the way Lee is able to get the animals to obey his wishes," Charles Camp, the Zoo overseer, declares. "If ever animals have tried to talk to humans, they have tried with Lee. There is no doubt that a great and uncanny understanding exists between him and the animals."

HAPPY WITH MONKEYS
"The happiest thing I can imagine," Lee said, "would be to find myself in some jungle with thousands of monkeys about me so that I could truly learn to converse with them freely and understand their natures more fully."

During one of his tours of the Zoo with a party, Lee made straight for the ostrich enclosure. When he was still quite a distance off, the ostrich became restless and ran up and down its enclosure until Lee came into sight. Uttering a peculiar noise, Lee approached the fence with a wave of his hand. Instantly the ostrich became quiet and settled on the ground, its long neck waving to and fro while Lee talked to it.

"Enough," You had better go," Lee said finally, and the ostrich arose and withdrew to the back of its enclosure.

BRUIN WILL WALTZ
"Oochia! Oochia! Bruin, I want you to waltz with me," Lee said to the black bear. Lazy and indolent, the bear suddenly became a furry ball of activity. It hurried towards the parapet of its den. In a second it was pivoting round and round its enclosure, paws raised above its head, while its bulky body swayed to and fro to a time Lee whistled. Later a fierce yet shy hyena ran to the wire fence to meet him, and lay in quiet content while Lee stroked it through the mesh.

A source of constant danger to the keepers who must venture near its corner to rub its cheek against that of Lee.

Lee has struck with the idea of cultivating the friendship of animals nine years ago.

"I had noticed how friendly and understanding a dog could be," he said, "and I decided to find out if it was not possible to reach a similar understanding with other animals. My experiments have been most successful."

Jack: "I say, waiter, here's half-a-dollar."

Waiter: "Thank you, sir. I suppose you want me to reserve a table for you?"

Jack: "No, I don't. I shall come in here in about ten minutes time with two ladies and I want you to tell me that all the tables are engaged."

Both the British and the Commonwealth Governments have expressed appreciation of the scheme and the work of the movement, especially in the after care of the youths, and have promised further financial help.

Baden-Powell to Visit Old Regiment



Lord Baden-Powell Inspects the Drum Covers Which He Will Take to India in the New Year for Presentation to His Old Regiment, the Royal Hussars, of Which Her Majesty Queen Mary is Colonel-in-Chief.

Flames Demolishing Crystal Palace



One of London's historic landmarks, the Crystal Palace, was left a tangled mass of twisted steel and melted glass when gutted by fire recently. In the above picture, taken during the night, the burning can be seen blazing fiercely with much of the superstructure already demolished by the flames.

Making Ready for Experimental Flying Across N. Atlantic

Tests to Be Made of Three Systems of Operation of Ocean Air Route—Mayo Composite Aircraft to Be Tried

LONDON (BUP).—Final preparations are now being made for the experimental flying on the North Atlantic which will precede the establishment of a regular ocean route connecting the England-India, England-Africa, and England-Australia services with the great Trans-Canada air-mail, and with the airway network of the United States.

Three systems of operation are to be tested in these preliminary flights.

LONG-RANGE TYPE
One will be the use of a large multi-engined long-range type of flying-boat. Imperial Airways are now preparing one of their new 3,000 horsepower four-engined flying boats, the Caledonia, for the experiments.

Caledonia has been equipped with specially large fuel tanks for carrying out long-range test flights. She will also be employed in experiments in regard to the application of long-range wireless to aerial navigation on such long-distance ocean flights as that across the Atlantic between Great Britain and Canada.

Another of the vessels of the company's new flying-boat fleet will also be detailed for long-distance test flights with a view to the establishment of the trans-Atlantic air service.

COMPOSITE AIRCRAFT
The second line of approach to the problem of flying across the North Atlantic on an all-the-year-round basis, will be provided by tests which are soon to be made by Imperial Airways with the Mayo Composite Aircraft.

The purpose of this apparatus is to enable multi-loads to be carried for long non-stop flights at higher speeds, and with smaller expenditures of horsepower than would be possible by any other ocean-flying plan. It is to achieve this purpose that a composite apparatus has been evolved. The apparatus is really two aircraft in one. A big weight-lifting flying-boat will ascend with a smaller long-range type of seaplane mounted on its wing. Then, when a height of approximately 5,000 feet has been reached, the seaplane will be released in mid-air, and will proceed on its own power. The flying-boat, which is intended to achieve results in the shape of long flights with loads of mails, which

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MUSEUM MAY GET BLUEBIRD

Sir Malcolm Campbell Puzzled to Dispose of Record-Breaking Car

LONDON (BUP).—What is the use of a car capable of 300 miles an hour to a man who has traveled faster on land than any other living person? This is the problem of Sir Malcolm Campbell, whose record-breaking Bluebird has just returned to England from the Toronto Exhibition.

"I don't know what to do with it," Sir Malcolm said. "The trouble is that I promised Lady Campbell I wouldn't race any more if I once got above 300 miles an hour. That car was built to do 325 miles an hour, and I am convinced that with slight modifications after my experience of the record run at the salt bed track in America, that it would do that."

But here I am, with the record and the car to break it and I am out of the game for good. The car is a good one to me—I couldn't even drive it on a modern concrete arterial road without getting 'run in' for half a dozen offences against noise, excessive smoke, or driving to the public danger. It will not do less than about seventy miles an hour in top gear.

"I wouldn't like anyone to race it. Only four people have sat in the driving seat of it since we started to build the original Bluebird in 1924—the present King, Edsel Ford, myself and my chief mechanic. It is an historic car and a real monument to British engineering. I would like to see it finish up in a museum, after a tour of the Empire."

The big negro looked bewildered as he stood in the dock accused of stealing a gold watch.

"Guilty or not guilty?" asked the magistrate.

"Not guilty, sah."

"Ever been in prison before?" The negro looked most indignant.

"No, sah," he protested. "Dis is de first time ah ever stole."

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Inquiry Reveals That Advertising Campaign Boosts Empire Trade

Investigator Finds Dominions Patriotic in Their Shipments—Trade in Some Cases Doubled and Trebled With Port of Glasgow

GLASGOW (BUP).—How a far-sighted advertising campaign has trebled trade between Australia and the Port of Glasgow and doubled it between New Zealand and Glasgow in a few years is described by Montague Smith, who is conducting a shipping inquiry for a London newspaper.

It has been the deliberate policy of the Clyde Navigation Trust to stimulate long-distance imperial trade. Smith found that the dominions are "patriotic in their shipments."

NO FOREIGN SHIPS
"I could not find a single record in Glasgow this year of merchandise transported here from Australia, New Zealand, or South Africa in foreign ships," Smith declares. "A few years ago the Glasgow Port Authority embarked on a vigorous policy to attract shipments direct to Glasgow from these far dominions. It was a policy pursued by personal mission, by extensive advertising and by the establishment of a department to bring overseas merchants in contact with Scottish interests."

The results have been remarkable. Trade from New Zealand has been more than doubled since 1928, and the trade from Australia trebled. From these two dominions in the eight years the tonnage of ships reaching Glasgow has risen from 430,000 to 1,100,000 a year, and the imports of Dominion produce, mainly food, from 80,000 to 185,000 tons by direct shipments.

EQUALLY GOOD
"From South Africa the results have been equally good. A part of this traffic is probably at the expense of the ports of Liverpool, London and Southampton, which formerly handled it, but their remedy is clearly to follow Glasgow's example."

"The direct export of trade from Glasgow to the Dominions of Scotland is a similar encouragement, and the Port Bureau has already established Dominion sales for more than 400 different Scottish manufactures."

"The port of Glasgow is thus on the way back to prosperity by its own efforts and to the great advantage of British shipping. One result has been to make Glasgow more and more a food storage centre for the whole kingdom, and this imposes a responsibility which cannot be overlooked. The Port Authority has now to enlarge its granaries, and will no doubt overlook the importance of making these as safe as possible from air attack."

ASTONISHING CHANGE
"In the shipping industry the change that has taken place in Glasgow in recent months is astonishing. Every one of the twenty-two shipbuilding yards on the Clyde has now got orders, and many are working to capacity."

VACUUM CLEANER AID FOR DOCTORS
Has Been Used to Treat Certain Type of Failure of Heart

LONDON (BUP).—The use of an electric vacuum cleaner to treat a certain type of failure of the heart is described in the current issue of The Lancet.

In certain patients a weak heart fails to maintain an adequate circulation through the lungs, and fluid accumulates there. If the air pressure within the lungs can be increased, it is found that blood already present in the chest is forced onwards towards the heart, while the increased pressure prevents the delivery of excess of blood into the lungs.

TO INCREASE PRESSURE
The machine, which is designed to produce increased pressure, consists of a "blower" for which purpose an electric vacuum cleaner has been used.

An adjustable resistance is used to reduce the pressure, and a hot-water bottle is placed in the compartment for the chest-bag so as to warm the air.

If a household machine is used, it is run first to get rid of all dust, and then the machine is adjusted to deliver air at increased pressure into a mask which is fixed over the patient's face.

It is stated that the machine has been used in over twenty cases, and in some of them the recovery from the attack of heart-failure is reported as "dramatic."

AUSTRALIA SUPPLIES BRITAIN'S BREAD

SYDNEY, N.S.W. (BUP).—Australia is rapidly gaining importance as a supplier of Britain's wheat. Latest statistics show that Australia has this season an exportable surplus almost half as large as that of Canada, the largest exporter of wheat.

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